

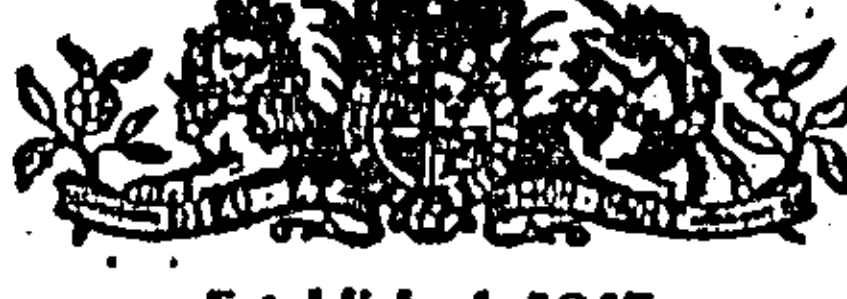
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Where Are Chinese

Red Hordes?

British Newsmen Puzzled

London, Dec. 14.

Military censorship had a marked effect on reports from Korea today but British correspondents were still puzzled by the United Nations withdrawal before what they called the Chinese Communist "ghost army."

British correspondents in Korea were asking, "Where are the Chinese Red hordes?" They reported that the British forces in Korea were bitter over incessant withdrawal without firing a shot. "The whole war has become peculiar," a pro-Communist Daily Mirror correspondent has reported. The conservative Daily Telegraph said the United Nations troops "appear to have been unmolested by enemy aircraft or artillery" as the evacuation was completed.

NO ENEMY CONTACT

Other British correspondents have quoted British officials as saying that there had been no enemy contact for more than a week and they could not understand how reports of large Red concentrations could be confirmed without such contact. The British forces were confident they could handle almost anything the Chinese could throw at them," a report in the general Manchester Guardian said.

There was also criticism of the destruction of valuable military equipment during the rapid withdrawal from North Korea. Veterans of the British campaign in Malaya in 1942 said the Korean retreat was worse than anything which happened during 71 days of fighting withdrawal before the Japanese. High-ranking veterans of the Burma campaign have made similar criticism about the "hasty retreat."

One British diplomat expressed the view that the reported strength of the Chinese Communists inside the United States was reaching the 1,000,000 mark and President Truman on December 2 obtained Congressional approval for his \$8,000,000,000 defence appropriation without a murmur, United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

"Blockade" Of Hongkong

THE American export ban specifically directed against Hongkong and Macao in order to prevent strategic war materials from getting into the hands of Communist China (and in its original conception quite agreeable) has rapidly become a vicious blockade. For, instead of confining themselves to "weapons, fissionable materials and strategic industrial goods" as described in the first official announcement of the ban, the American authorities are preventing any commodities whatever from being shipped or sent by air to Hongkong. Manifestly this is unreasonable because the American action is based on the assumption that all goods imported into Hongkong are destined for re-export to the China mainland. We know here all too well, and as our trade figures will demonstrate, this is far from being the case. Therefore, in applying the dictum to Hongkong that "so far as China is concerned the ban will apply to any goods whatsoever since all shipped to China must be licensed and licences are not being issued" the United States is preventing (a) this Colony obtaining essential and luxury commodities (all outside the description of weapons, fissionable materials or strategic goods) which it urgently requires for its own use, and (b) stopping Hongkong from receiving these goods for legitimate re-export to countries in Southeast Asia other than China. The effect is that anything to be exported which has "Destination Hongkong" on the stigmatised as potential war material intended for delivery to Red China. And this sudden phobia about Hongkong and its entropic affiliations with Communist China has spread, we are reliably informed, to places outside the United States. One example quoted is that spare parts are no longer required for British-manufactured taxis in Hongkong. It was found these

spares were obtainable from dealers in Borneo and an order was placed, the spares shipped. But they have been off-loaded in Singapore under the new export and re-export prohibitions. Thus we find the farcical situation of one British Colony applying a blockade against another of British manufactured materials which are not only genuinely needed by Hongkong, but which could never be used as war weapons in Communist China. But such illustrations are pin pricks compared with the grave threat which the total US export ban against Hongkong offers to our local industries and factories. As the Director of Commerce and Industry has pointed out, it is these factories, which employ many thousands of workers, which are most likely to suffer first and have to close down. Moreover, unless there is a rapid modification of the US ban, many of our legitimate traders will suffer grievous, possibly crippling losses; essential commodities will become short in supply, and the Colony will be confronted with the spectre of black marketeering on a big scale. Here is a situation which calls for the most urgent attention of the Authorities. Hongkong's position must be made clear to Washington, and in this respect we solicit the sympathetic offices of the United States Consulate to state our case in explicit terms. We are at one with the United States in wishing to stop strategic war materials from falling into the hands of Red China, and Government's intention to prevent anything like that happening was proved last Friday with the publication of a comprehensive list of goods which are barred either for export direct or re-export. But the Colony still needs ordinary essential commodities so that it can live, and as so many are obtained from the United States, it will be nothing short of calamitous if this source of supply is denied us.

Catalina

Lands In Sea Near Macao

3 Europeans, One Chinese Aboard

A Hongkong registered, privately-owned Catalina made a forced landing in the sea near Macao early this morning after it had arrived over Kai Tak from Chittagong, Pakistan, and then lost contact with the control tower.

The plane is manned by three Europeans and carried one Chinese passenger.

It is understood that the pilot of the plane is Captain Ross Bohm and his Radio Officer is Mr William James.

According to the official version, the Catalina was scheduled to arrive in Hongkong at 4 a.m. today. When she came in, the Kai Tak control tower suggested that she circle around until daylight to make her landing.

For some unknown reason the plane flew away from Kai Tak and contact was lost with her.

The next message came from Macao which reported the plane had forced-landed near Macao.

Naval patrol boats and one RAF Sunderland flying-boat have been despatched to try and locate the missing Catalina, and reports from them are awaited.

S'pore Curfew Reimposed

Singapore, Dec. 14. Police reimposed Singapore's dusk to dawn curfew today within six hours of lifting it, which seemed to indicate a continuation of the tension. Police have arrested 80 Malays and are holding them for questioning. — Associated Press.

Chewed Off More Than He Could Bite

Sydney, Dec. 14. A drunk, using a bus stop seat as a table, caused a traffic jam when he collected a crowd to watch him try to eat his way through the jammed back of a lobster.

He made little progress with his meal until he adopted the easy way by first jumping on the lobster.—Reuter.

Brisk Commons Debate

BEVIN ASSESSES THE KREMLIN'S INTENTIONS

Says Stalin Wants China To Fight

London, Dec. 14.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, replying to the House of Commons debate on foreign policy, said to-night, "I very much doubt whether Russia will take the plunge into war."

Mr Bevin also said, "I also believe that the new part which India is playing in the world is a tremendous factor in the leadership of Asia."

He thought that there was a great field open for information and propaganda "to keep the Chinese from lining up permanently with Soviet Russia."

Mr Bevin said, "We know pretty well that China really wants to stop this fighting. He thought it was the Russian attitude to keep on the fighting in Korea."

"I never believed that the Russians ever wanted China in the United Nations," he added. Mr Bevin said he believed that Stalin "wanted to use China to force us to fight."

"It would suit the Kremlin to use Chinese manpower to keep the United States involved without a single Russian soldier being used in battle," he added.

BOGGED DOWN

Mr Bevin said, "Just as we do not want to be bogged down with a China war, equally I think Stalin wants China to force us to fight."

"I believe that is the tactic which the Kremlin is following at the moment."

It would suit the Russians in their Asian policy to use Chinese manpower to get the United States involved and then keep clear for Europe and "the rest of us," Mr Bevin declared.

Mr Bevin said that he had always worked on the basis of the Cairo Declaration which stated that all Korea should become free and independent.

The 38th Parallel was not mentioned in this declaration. But he added, the Cairo Declaration included Formosa. He could see no reason for going back on the Cairo Declaration on Formosa. But this is "not an appropriate moment to settle it."

Mr Bevin said that Britain had been "somewhat concerned" about the last offensive in Korea, "whether or not we might land into trouble."

PRETTY EFFECTIVE

Britain's Chief of Staff had given advice and it had been forwarded to America. The United States had been asked to take it into account.

"We do not complain that their views were not accepted. The Chiefs of Staff in America did not take that particular view," he added.

The views of the British Chiefs of Staff were communicated through the American Chiefs of Staff to the Commander of the forces in Korea.

The United States Chiefs of Staff took the views of other countries into account in arriving at their conclusions.

This was not a formal arrangement, he added, but it was "pretty effective."

Regarding assurances to China that there were no intentions against Manchuria, Mr Bevin said, "Anybody who is fool enough to attack Manchuria is bound to produce a world war almost immediately."

"We came to the conclusion that the cease-fire must come first and then settlement in Korea by negotiation."

There must be no interference with Chinese territory, but clearly, there must be no interference by China with Korean territory, Mr Bevin declared.—Reuter.

Russians Move Up Troops

Berlin, Dec. 14. The Russians have moved an armoured division from East Germany to the Magdeburg area near the West-German border within the past two weeks, it was learned today.

US intelligence sources said the movement of the division was known at the time it happened but no particular significance was attached.—Associated Press.

US EXPORTS BAN

Consulate Making Inquiries

Efforts To Free Up Hongkong Cargoes

"Full information on new procedures concerning US exports and off-loaded cargoes has been urgently requested and is expected at any time," said Mr Ralph H. Hunt, United States Consul for Economic Affairs, when interviewed.

Hazy, Crazy Uncle Sam

(A commentary on the U.S. exports ban imposed against Hongkong.)

I had a lovely mousetrap. It was made in U.S.A. It gave an extra heavy snap. And now has had its day. I cannot now replace it. For U.S.A. decrees.

To rule the Commons. When we have to give up camels. We all shall have the jumping. And as for good old chewing gum.

That too is going to slump. From nylons to cosmetics. Canned beer and roasted nuts. Powders, pills, emetics. And bandages for cuts. Canned goods, (and I ain't kidding).

Popcorn and pears and spam. Are one and all forbidden. By stern old Uncle Sam. May be he's got the jitters. And that reminds me too, My Angostura bitters. Will certainly not come through.

To me it all seems crazy. Perhaps I may be wrong. Is Uncle Sam so hazy. About this late—Hongkong? —Contributed.

this morning on the position in regard to America's embargo on all cargoes, foreign or American, through American ports for Communist China, Hongkong and Macao.

"In the absence of information I hesitate to comment on the position but I can assure all Hongkong and Macao businessmen that I am doing everything possible to free up cargoes intended for local consumption to permit industries accustomed to receiving U.S. raw materials to continue with as little interruption as possible," he said.

"My office has been closely consulted on the new procedures instituted on December 14 by the Hongkong Commerce and Industry Department to determine the effect of the

Churchill Booed By Indignant Socialists

WANTS REASSURANCES ABOUT ATOMIC BOMB

London, Dec. 14.

Mr Winston Churchill, in a statement in the foreign policy debate of the House of Commons, answering Mr Clement Attlee's report on his Washington conference with President Truman, ridiculed those who proposed that the West should never use the atomic bomb until and unless the bomb had been used against them.

He said sarcastically: "In other words, you must never fire until you have been shot dead."

"The deterrent effect of the atomic bomb is at the present time almost our sole defence," continued Mr Churchill. "Its potential use is the only argument which we can hope to obtain reasonable consideration in an attempt to make a peaceful settlement with Soviet Russia."

"If they had superiority, or even something like equality, in this weapon with the United States, I cannot feel assured they would be restrained by generous scruples of moral inhibitions which are often vocal in this country."

Shortly after this, Mr Churchill was unprecedently booed for suggesting that the price of Conservative support of the Labour Government in foreign policy might be Socialist abandonment of plans to nationalise the steel industry.

Earlier, Mr Churchill had warned that any policy which inflicted "dishonour or humiliation" on the United States or United Nations would be a graver danger than entanglement in war with China.

ONLY PRUDENT COURSE

He said he had always been against the West getting bogged down in Asia, but then he added: "On the other hand, we must be careful our policy does not inflict dishonour or humiliation on the United Nations or the United States. Such a course would be as full of danger as any other now open to us."

While fullest priority should be given to defence of Western Europe, it would be a great mistake to lose our sense of proportion and cast everything to the winds elsewhere. The only prudent course open to the United States and ourselves would be to stabilise the local military position and make sure we negotiate

from strength and not from weakness."

He said Mr Attlee's trip to Washington had done "nothing but good" but he said the five-day period for the meetings was too long.

He also criticised lack of press censorship in Korea. He emphasised the advantage of establishing a line across Korea with both flanks resting on the sea when the United Nations controlled the sea. He argued vigorously against those who believe the West should never use the atomic bomb "until and unless it has been used."

"In other words, you must never fire until you have been shot dead. That seems to be a silly thing. Such a resolve would bring war nearer. The deterrent effect of the atomic bomb is almost our sole defence."

When Mr Churchill injected the steel nationalisation issue into the debate and indirectly threatened to withdraw Conservative support of Labour on foreign policy unless they abandoned the steel plan, within minutes the House was transferred from a chamber listening to a dignified statesman into a jeering mass.

NOTHING LIKE IT

Mr Churchill was able to finish only with difficulty. Loud, scornful interruptions came, led by Mrs Braddock, who said, "If your gang had been in power, we would be in the middle of a war by now." The wartime Prime Minister was then subjected to a resounding boo from the Socialists. (Continued on Page 12, Col. 6)

Cavite Police Raid Hide-out

Manila, December 15. Constabularymen killed one man and wounded two others in a raid on the suspected hideout of a Cavite province bandit gang that kidnapped a wealthy Manila businessman last March.

Constabulary officers said they found the three men held up in a house in the tiny village of Wawa, Cavite province, about 20 miles South of Manila. They said the bandits began shooting when called upon to surrender, then leaped out of the windows and attempted to flee to a rice field. They were cut down by Constabulary bullets.—Associated Press.

Widow Slays Herself And 4 Children

CONVERTS WAGON INTO HEARSE

Van Nuys, California, Dec. 14.

A young widow converted a family station wagon into a hearse today to kill herself and her four young children.

Mrs Margaret Rowney parked her car, with a hose piping carbon monoxide fumes inside, under a giant oak tree 200 yards from a movie set. Her three boys and girl clad in their pyjamas were tumbled over each other in the back. Police said they found no note. Neighbours said they knew no possible reason for Mrs Rowney's action except a possible quarrel with a new male friend identified as "Ray."

Two police officers cruising on a routine patrol spotted her car parked on Mulholland Drive in Santa Monica mountains. On its door was painted "the rat wagon." The mother, clad in a leather jacket, was identified from the car registration.

The children were Peggy, seven, George, five, Guy, four and Thomas, three. Mrs Rowney came here three years ago from Baltimore, Maryland after her husband was killed in a railway accident.

Police said she apparently roused the children during the night and drove them to a lonely death spot. Then she prepared the mechanism for her family's death using a flashlight found still clutched in her hand.—United Press.

Successful Ruse

Jubbulpore (India) Dec. 14. Policemen here went into "mourning" to catch a party of gamblers and arrested 15 of them.

Two sub-inspectors and 30 constables collected into a "funeral" procession, carried a corpse and trudging slowly along they suddenly swooped on the gamblers.—Reuter.



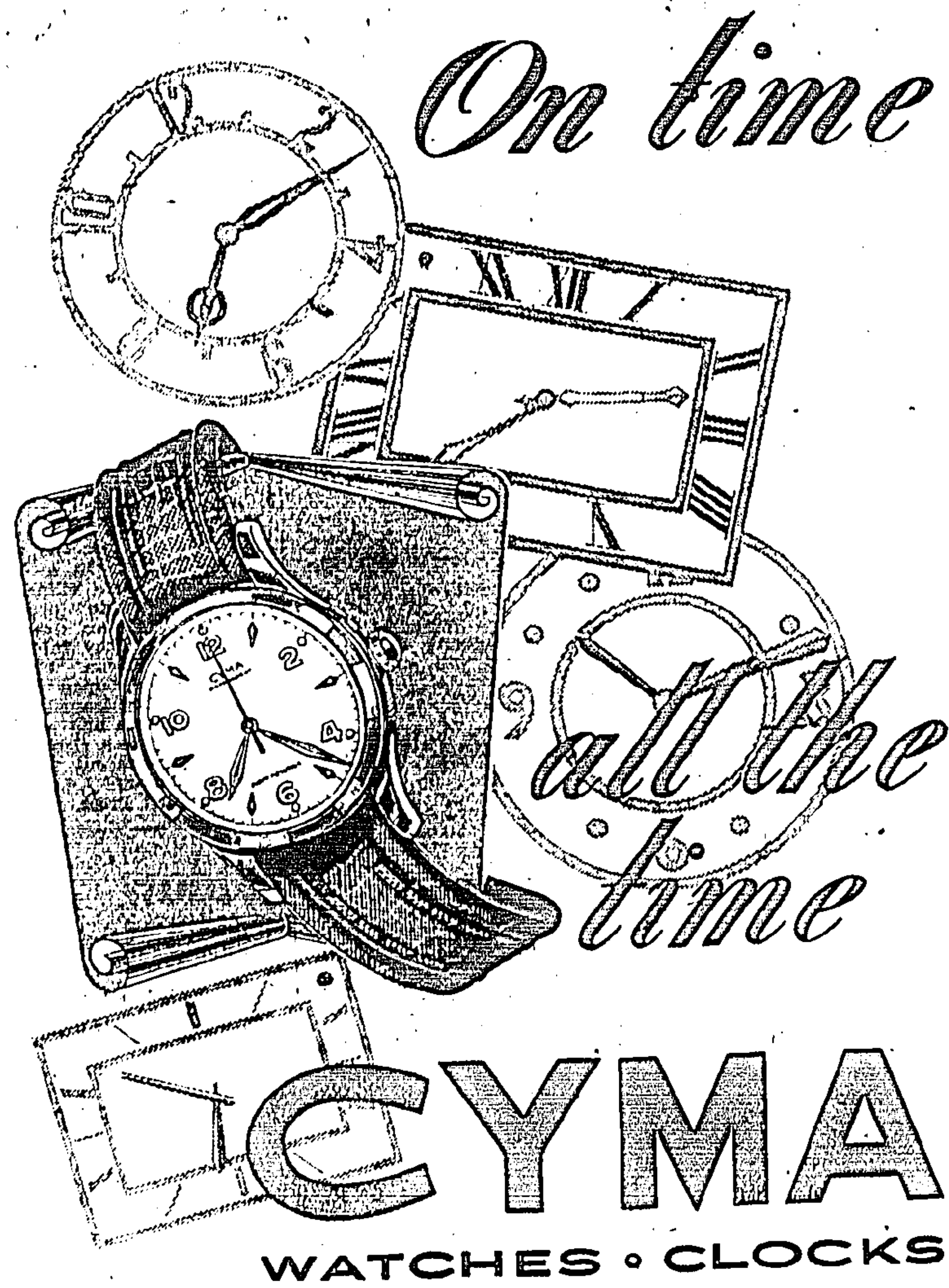
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CHURCHILL ASKS SECRET DEBATE

"Deterrent Effect Of Atom Bomb Almost Our Sole Defence"

No Intention Of Quitting Korea

Washington, Dec. 14. A group of radio officials who visited President Truman quoted him today as saying that the United Nations will "stick to their guns" in Korea. "We are not going from Korea unless we are pushed off. We do not intend to leave," the President was reported to have said. —Reuter.

Three Men Appointed For Peace Effort

CEASE-FIRE BID

Flushing Meadow, Dec. 14. The United Nations General Assembly today chose three men to try to make peace in Korea. They were: The Assembly's President, Mr. Nasrallah Entezam, of Persia; Mr. Lester Pearson, Canadian External Affairs Minister, one of the West's leading spokesmen who has said repeatedly that every effort must be made to negotiate peace in Korea; and Sir Benegal Rau, of India, who has taken the lead in informal talks at the United Nations with General Wu Hsiu-chuan, Chinese Communist representative. Mr. Entezam told the Assembly that Mr. Pearson and Sir Benegal had accepted his request to sit on the commission which will try to bring about a cease-fire in Korea.

The commission was proposed by 13 Asian and Middle Eastern countries, led by India. The Political Committee approved the appointment of the Commission last night by 51 votes to five, with Nationalist China abstaining. Today the General Assembly decided not to debate the issue. Speeches were confined to explanations of votes. Mr. Jacob Malik (Russia) said that the recommendation was merely a camouflage to allow American forces to commit "future aggression" in Korea. The motion had been pushed through the Political Committee, he said, by the Anglo-American bloc. —Reuter.

FURTHER TALK

Flushing Meadow, Dec. 14. Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, of India, and Mr. Jacob Malik, the Soviet representative, had a half-hour talk in the delegates' lounge before the start of the United Nations General Assembly's plenary session today. Sir Benegal declined to disclose the subject of their talks, which appeared to be cordial. —Reuter.

Hitler Aide Arrested

Munich, Dec. 14. The police here today arrested Hitler's former housekeeper, Anni Wintner, and confiscated some of the Fuehrer's personal belongings that she had been trying to sell for 40,000 Deutsche marks, police officials stated. The confiscated objects included the document, signed by President Paul von Hindenburg, appointing Hitler as Chancellor, Hitler's Nazi Party membership card, his military pass from the first World War, orders and decorations, notes for speeches, a watch, and several water colour paintings by Hitler. Three people, said to have acted as go-betweens, were also arrested. —Reuter.

Suspensions Of Russia

London, Dec. 14.

Mr Winston Churchill, the leader of the Conservative Opposition, said in the House of Commons debate tonight that Mr Attlee's visit to Washington had done nothing but good. "The question we have to consider is how much good," he said.

He announced that the Conservative Opposition would ask for a debate on defence in a secret session after Christmas.

"The deterrent effect of the atom bomb is at the present time almost our sole defence. Its potential use is the only lever by which we can hope to obtain a reasonable consideration in our attempt to make a peaceful settlement with Soviet Russia," he continued.

If the Russians had superiority or even something like equality in the atom bomb, he could not feel any assurance that they would be restrained by the conscientious scruples or the moral inhibitions often so vocal in Britain.

It would be a poor service to the cause of peace to free the Russians from all cause of apprehension until they were ready to strike.

Mr Churchill said the view that the atom bomb should not be used until it had been employed by an aggressor was "a resolve that could bring war nearer."

He caused an uproar towards the end of his speech by asking the Prime Minister to reconsider the decision to nationalise steel "in the midst of all these disasters and dangers."

Mr Churchill had difficulty in making himself heard amidst Socialist interruptions as he declared that nationalisation would injure the rearmament programme.

MACARTHUR CONFIDENT
The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, told a cheering House that General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters were now confident that they could "retain a firm hold" in Korea.

On his Washington talks with President Truman, Mr Attlee said that he had received "assurances which I consider satisfactory" on the use of the atom bomb.

On the question of a Korean settlement, Mr Attlee warned that there was no middle way.

If an agreement with the Chinese Communists within the terms of the United Nations Charter could not be reached, he was afraid it might eventually lead to widespread hostilities.

Mr Attlee said that he had not expected his Washington meeting would lead to any spectacular action or any dramatic announcement.

"What I hoped for, and what I think was achieved, was a closer understanding of the points of view of our two countries," he explained. Throughout the talks the attitude of the American Administration could not have been more cordial.

SEEKING SETTLEMENT
It would be a mistake to over-emphasise the differences between the two Governments. There were at one in their support of the action of the United Nations in resisting aggression.

Both Governments were profoundly desirous of preventing the war from spreading. Both sought a settlement in the Far East, and indeed, in the whole of Asia.

Korea was essentially a United Nations problem. Its outcome would have an important effect on the authority and prestige of the United Nations.

Mr Attlee said that the wartime Cairo Declaration, which was agreed by all Korea's neighbours, expressed acceptance of non-aggression and no territorial ambitions.

It was for the Chinese Government to make it clear that they accepted this principle. Their recent actions had thrown doubts on this.

FORMOSA PROBLEM
Formosa was one of the most difficult of all problems, the Prime Minister said. There were mutual fears and suspicions to be got rid of before a solution could be found.

Everyone should try to understand the points of view of the Chinese rulers and also of the United States.

The Prime Minister continued: "In the Far East there are two courses open to us in dealing with disputes and difficulties. Either we must try to get a settlement on normal standards of international practice and on the principles of the United Nations Charter, or we shall

find ourselves drifting inevitably towards war.

"There is no middle course. Britain thinks a solution must be sought by means of peaceful negotiation. We may seek a solution. We shall not find one unless the Chinese show determination to use negotiation rather than force, to accept standards of international behaviour and the application of the principles of the United Nations Charter.

If there is such willingness on the Chinese side, the British Government is confident a solution can be found compatible with the principles of the Charter."

DEFENCE OF EUROPE

Mr Attlee said that he was satisfied that the fullest weight would be given to the British views before instructions with political implications were given to the United Nations Commander in Korea.

On the use of the atomic weapon, he said he had received assurances which he considered to be perfectly satisfactory. The United States Government, he said, were fully conscious of the need for defence in other areas outside the Far East and recognised how vital was the defence of Europe.

On next week's meeting of Atlantic Pact Foreign and Defence Ministers in Brussels, Mr Attlee said: "I am confident that the decisions taken will reflect the sense of urgency which inspired my talks at Washington and will bring us nearer to what we hope to achieve—a Western world strong enough to resist aggression and therefore to prevent aggression and preserve peace."

On the Washington discussions on vital raw materials, Mr Attlee said that Britain faced critical shortages likely to intensify with her production almost at once, notably in zinc and sulphates.

The United States was facing similar difficulties.

"Very much hope, as a result of our talks, we shall avoid the worst dangers," he added.

Mr Attlee said that a draft reply to the Russian proposal for a four-power conference was now being considered by the Governments of Britain, France and the United States.

It reflected the common desire of the three Governments to examine all possibilities for a fruitful discussion of the Soviet Government's suggestions.

Mr Attlee said the packed House that Britain believed that a first step towards a solution in Korea was to bring the fighting to an end at a very early date.

For that reason, she had supported the United Nations resolution, sponsored by Asian and Middle Eastern countries for a cease-fire.

Mr Attlee said that this motion might give "food for thought to some of those innocents who might be led astray." The only opposition to this resolution had come from Soviet Russia and her satellites.

The Prime Minister added that he hoped both China and North Korea would support the statesmanlike initiative of the Asian and Middle Eastern countries, and especially the effort made by the Indian Government. Prolonged cheers greeted this statement.

RUSSIAN BLUFF

Mr Stanley Evans, a former Labour junior Minister, who continued the debate, considered that Russia was staging the biggest bluff the world had ever known.

"I think Russia is a swollen octopus and our job is to knock off a few of the tentacles."

Mr Clement Davies, the leader of the Liberal Parliamentary group, paid tribute to the efforts "to obtain some form of agreement" by the Asian and Middle Eastern countries.

Labour Members cheered as he said he "could not understand why there should be any objection to the admission of China to the United Nations even today since Russia was already there."

Mr John Rankin, Labour, was against rearming Germany. If the object was to create 20 divisions did anyone think Russia would do nothing about it, he asked. "It is quite clear to me that if we go ahead with this part of our programme Russia will strike in Europe long before it is completed," Mr Rankin said. —Reuter.

U.S. Railways Crippled

Washington, Dec. 14. The Postmaster General, Mr John Redding, said today that the railway walkouts have "effectively crippled" mail distribution and may require a national embargo on parcel post at the height of the Christmas mail rush. —United Press.

Singapore Call For An Inquiry

Singapore, Dec. 14.

The Singapore Government has asked the Colonial Office to hold a full official inquiry into this week's riots here over the separation of "Jungle Girl" Bertha Hertogh from her Moslem husband and foster mother, Chee Aminah, using reliable sources said today.

All English-language newspapers in Singapore have criticised the part played by the police and the Administration before and during the disorders.

The British-owned Straits Times, in an editorial prepared for publication tomorrow, said that there were grave errors of judgment by police and senior Government officials. "Also, the were serious weaknesses in the general conduct of the police force," the paper added, declaring that a public inquiry should be held.

The Straits Times said it would be difficult to praise too highly the conduct of the troops, but the failure to call them in earlier was inexplicable.

The Singapore police reported at midnight, local time, tonight that there had been no serious clash with rioters for 40 hours, but the authorities were still concerned over what might happen when the armed forces were withdrawn from the trouble areas. —Reuter.

FLAGS FLYING

The Hague, Dec. 14. Flags were flying in Bergen Op Zoom today in the home of the parents of Bertha Hertogh in preparation for the arrival tonight of the former "Jungle Girl," whose legal battle touched off riots in Singapore earlier this week.

Mr Adrianus Hertogh, the girl's father, with three members of the local committee which was organised to fight the legal battle for Bertha's custody, left Bergen Op Zoom for Schiphol this afternoon. His house was gay with bunting and Dutch tricolours which he left to meet the daughter, has not seen since the outbreak of war in the Far East.

Mr Hertogh said that "what the second I can take in Bertha in my arms." —Reuter.

BETWILDERED
The Hague, Dec. 14. Bewildered and tired, "Jungle Girl" Bertha Hertogh and her mother arrived by air Schiphol Airport from Singapore tonight.

Bertha was immediately smuggled away to a private room as the plane had radioed ahead that she was very tired and over-wrought.

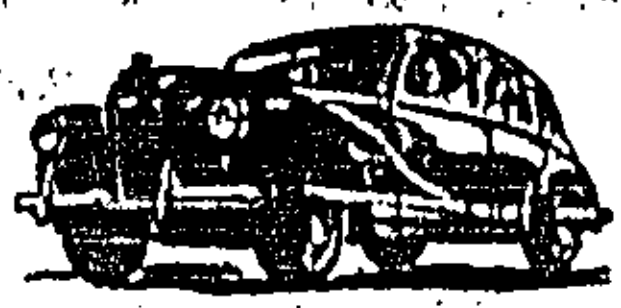
She was photographed as she stepped from the plane, but reporters had no chance to interview her.

Mrs Hertogh had agreed to answer questions and soon after she arrived she sat nervously in the restaurant, reserved for press conference, and answered the questions of more than 100 reporters representing Dutch and foreign newspapers and agencies. —Reuter.

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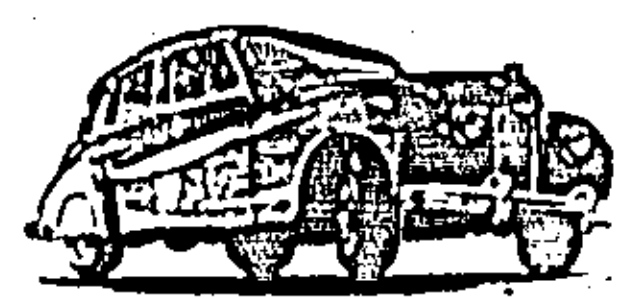
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MP Gives Grave Warning Over Conditions In Malaya

London, Dec. 14.

Air Commodore Arthur Harvey, Conservative Member of a delegation of British Members of Parliament which visited Singapore and Malaya last September, said today that what he had seen there had alarmed him.

"We went out feeling that plans for dealing with the emergency were going fairly well," he told a meeting at the Royal Empire Society. "But we came back to England feeling very depressed about most things we saw and quite alarmed about the future."

Air Commodore Harvey said the report of the delegation was now being drafted. He doubted whether it would show unanimous findings.

Malaya, he said, was torn by strife and confusion. He felt that the British Government did not tackle the problem of Malaya at an early enough stage. Wise advice was ignored.

"Now it is a big problem," he said. "How it is going to be dealt with one hardly knows." Air Commodore Harvey suggested that the main reason for the deterioration in the situation was the presence of 10,000 or 12,000 detainees in camps in the Federation.

"While they are there the Chinese will not give information to the Government to enable them to proceed," he said.

"All the military machine is quite ineffective unless its intelligence is good, but the Chinese people will not come forward with information."

CLEVER OPERATION

"These detainees in the camps must be got out of Malaya at all costs—even if it means a military operation to ship them somewhere on the South China coast."

The ability of 4,500 Communists to occupy the attention of 90,000 men of the British forces constituted one of the cleverest operations that history had ever seen.

Indo-China was the key to Malaya, Air Commodore Harvey suggested. "We should have done more with our American friends to assist in Indo-China," he said.

I believe that would be better than having all our troops in Malaya."

He thought that Britain's recognition of the Peking Government had done a lot of harm in Malaya.

PROPAGANDA INADEQUATE

Air Commodore Harvey deplored the inadequate effort which he thought was made to put across the British case. Radio Malaya, he said, was silent four or five hours every day. Now the papers were to have their newsprint cut—though Malaya was earning more dollars than anywhere else in the Commonwealth.

Paying tribute to the troops fighting the guerrillas, Air Commodore Harvey suggested that 20,000 more Gurkhas would "clean it up" in Malaya. They could live in the jungle on the same basis as those they were fighting.

They could beat the bandits at their own game.

The Gurkhas, he thought, should get the same pay as the British troops.

"A LONG TIME"

He said the guerrillas were now slashing rubber trees—a three or four thousand in a night—and that would have most serious long-term effects.

Air Commodore Harvey called for full support and proper priorities for Major-General Sir Harold Briggs, who, he believed, should be given executive authority.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, should make a statement, "loud and clear," that Britain intended to stay in Malaya as an equal partner in rule.

CRISIS IN TURKEY

Istanbul, Dec. 14.

Well-informed observers here forecast a major Cabinet crisis after the disclosure tonight that Turkey's Finance Minister, Halil Ayan, had resigned his post.

Ayan had just presented a draft budget for the next year to the Finance Commission of the National Assembly.

The entire Cabinet had approved the draft, and the Finance Minister's resignation, well-informed sources said, was caused by a rank and file revolt of Democratic Party deputies against certain tax provisions.

The main issue between the rebels and the Government, informed sources said, was a decision to postpone until after 1951 the operation of clauses of the law already enacted which would have given civil servants an increase from 15 to 20 percent in their salaries.

This decision has led to widespread disappointment among civil servants and sharp criticism of the Government even by such newspapers as are normally favourable.—Reuter.

French Strike In Indo-China

Hanoi, Dec. 14.

French forces struck deep in Vietminh territory today to throw off balance the enemy forces believed to be massing for an attack.

Two task forces, comprising several battalions, were reported to have swept them back to the northern perimeter of the French Tonkin Delta bridgehead.—Reuter.

All-Out Mobilisation By United States Urged By Dewey

New York, Dec. 14.

The Governor of New York, Mr. Thomas Dewey, tonight urged the United States to call out the full National Guard "tomorrow morning" and register every American over 17 for national service in "all-out" economic and military mobilisation, because "our country is in deadly immediate danger."

Mr. Dewey warned, "In all the continental United States, there is just one division ready for combat—not enough to defend a single American city."

"Only far more decisive action... will make it possible to stem the Soviet tide."

Speaking to the New York County Lawyers Association at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Mr. Dewey urged an eight-point programme of "all-out effort and all-out sacrifice." His programme included the "immediate goal" of putting one-fourth of the nation's mills to work producing arms under a "single authority," an economic stabiliser with full supervision of production, economic controls and civilian manpower.

He also urged a "pay as you go" rearmament programme and wage and price controls, higher corporation and individual income taxes, plus an excess profits tax and excise taxes on luxuries and passage of the universal military training law "this month."

"There are 25 divisions of the National Guard and two armoured divisions which could have been called to the colours months ago," said Mr. Dewey, who is the titular head of the Republican Party. "I know perfectly well, and this is no secret from the Russians, that our National Guard has barely enough arms for training purposes, to say nothing of any arms to fight with."

He said the guard "should be called to national service tomorrow morning."

Mr. Dewey said mobilisation was just beginning and called for a universal military training programme for at least two years to be enacted "this month—not next month." He urged speeding up expansion of the United States army—"not less than 100 divisions, and our divisions are nearly twice as large as the Russian divisions"—United Press.

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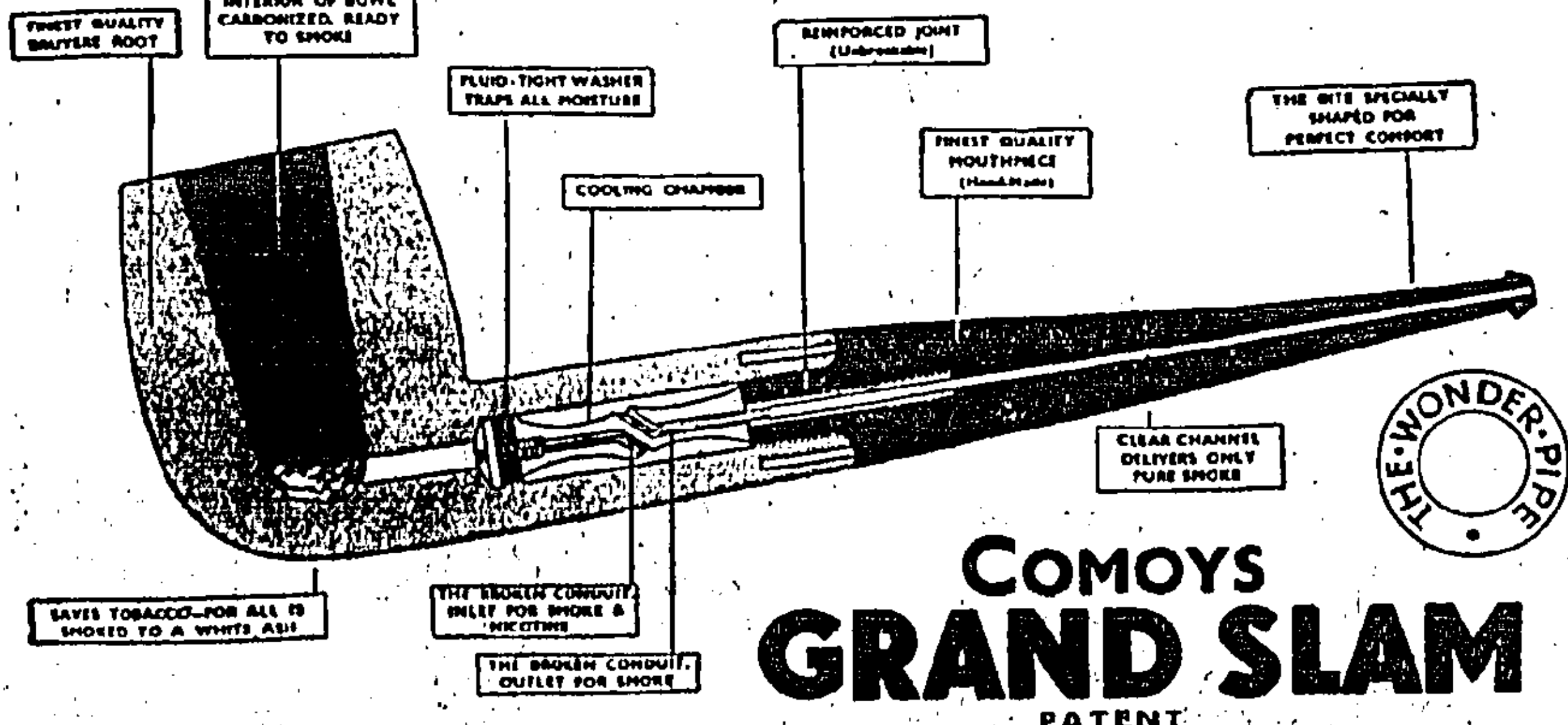
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SECRET BEHIND CONFIDENCE OF TEST PILOTS

(FROM OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT)

London. Have you ever wondered how a test pilot feels when he climbs into the cockpit of a new jet-engined plane for the first time? Why is he so confident that the engine will do all that it is supposed to do once it is in the air? Might not such a powerful engine rip the plane apart, or refuse to function altogether when it is in the air?

The secret is that the engine has already been tested under actual flight conditions, and as much is known about it as if it had already flown for several hundred hours. In fact, it has flown before, but not in the plane it is designed to power. It has spent its first few airborne hours in a "flying test-bed."

"Flying test-beds" are usually conventional piston-engined bombers or transports into which one or more gas-turbine engines are fitted so that they can be tested in flight. The object of these aircraft is to gain flight experience on the jet engine before it goes into production for the bomber or fighter for which it is designed.

The jet engines are not always fitted to the wings of the test-bed. They have been installed in both the nose and the tail of British bombers, and recently an Avro Lincoln had its bomb-bay specially adapted to carry a rocket-driven jet engine slung beneath its fuselage. An engineer's cabin was fitted in the fuselage with automatic observers to take a continuous photographic record of the instruments in flight.

BENCH TESTS

These aerial test flights will supplement the many hours of test-bench running which all new gas-turbine engines undergo.

The bench-tests provide the preliminary facts about fuel consumption, performance and the other details which are later checked and confirmed in the air. But the tests on the bench are often carefully prepared to simulate airborne performance.

For example, a production de Havilland Goblin engine recently passed what has been described as the most severe test in acro-

engine history—a 1,000 hours of simulated "combat" running made up of a series of cycles each representing in detail a sortie by a fighter aircraft. The Goblin, which has since been approved for world's longest jet overhaul, is the power plant of the de Havilland Vampire fighter. It made its first flight in a Meteor air frame.

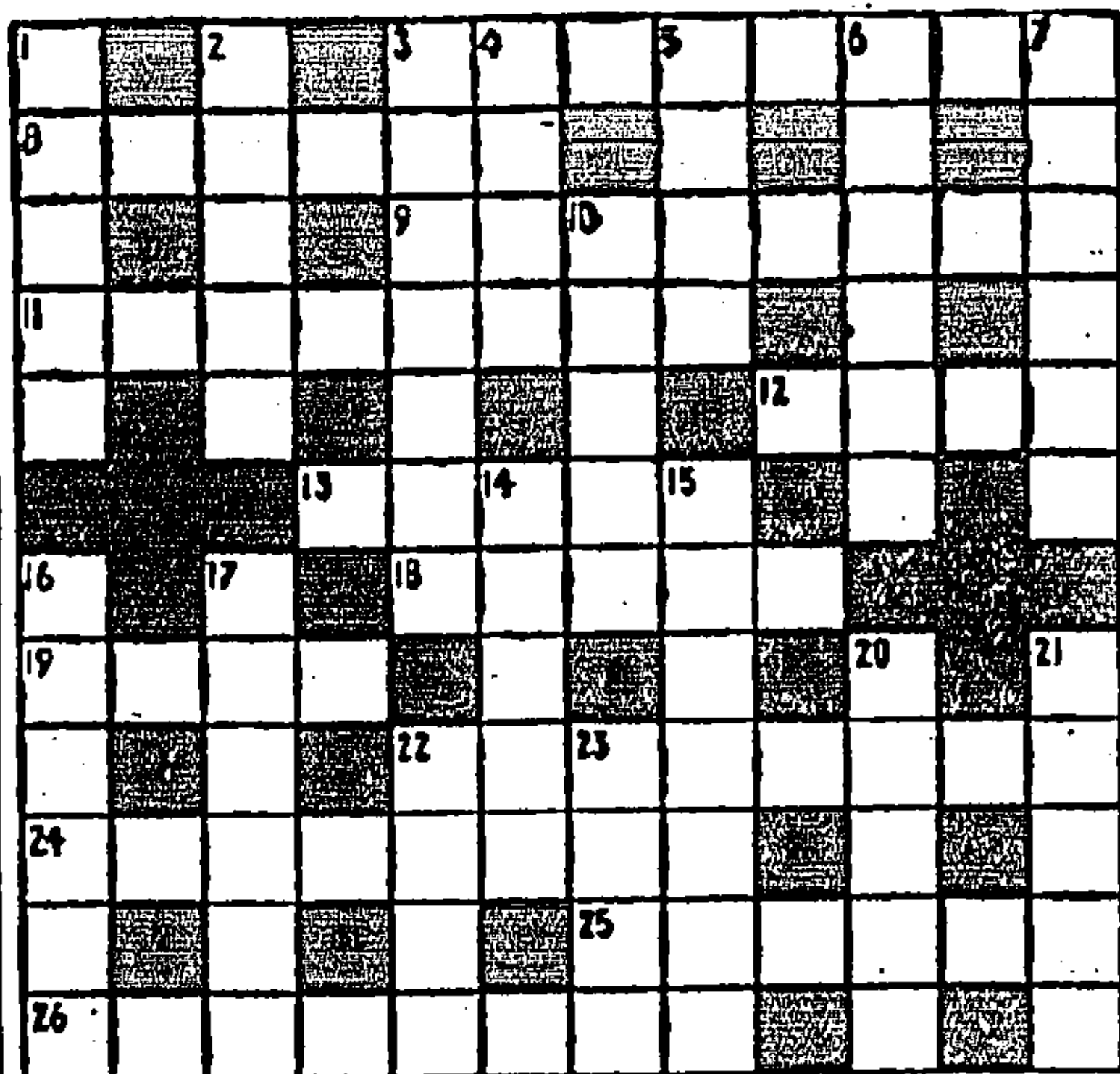
The first British jet engine to fly was airborne in a specially designed Gloster aircraft which was later developed into the Meteor. But in the summer of 1942, Rolls-Royce installed a Whittle engine in the tail of a Vickers Wellington bomber. Technicians watched the instrument panel in the nose of the Wellington which had remote controls running to the engine at the rear of the fuselage. Since then, almost every type of turbo-jet and turbo-prop engine has gone through a rigorous series of tests in a flying test-bed.

REGULAR SERVICE

The flying test-beds have not operated solely from the constructor's home airfield or Government research centres. Two Lincoln test-beds, fitted with Bristol Thesus turbo-propellers, have flown a regular transport service from this country to the Middle East. The Thesus-Lincolns have been crewed by members of RAF Transport Command and the experience on the turbo-propellers has enabled the makers to produce considerable refinements in the fuel consumption of their engines.

There are rare cases when the routine work of the flying test-bed produces some outstanding example of the progress. But more often, the results of these tests only show their significance when the engines are installed in the Service machines and civil airliners which actually go into operation.

A British Crossword Puzzle

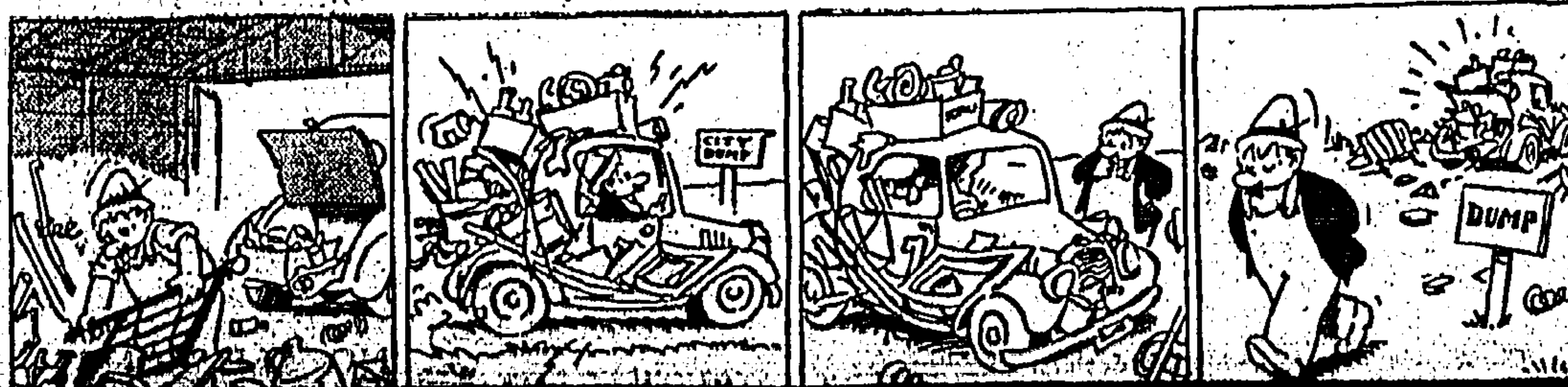


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- Playful.
 - Shrewd.
 - Trick.
 - Acknowledged.
 - Mass of ice.
 - Indifferent to pain.
 - Duck.
 - Public.
 - Recovered.
 - Bullfighter.
 - Bravery.
 - Flash.
- DOWN**
- Waterway.
 - Stub.
 - Law.
 - Saucy.
 - Incurison.
 - Flags.
 - Vim.
 - Lukewarm.
 - Lubricated.
 - In the middle.
 - Drum.
 - Measuring system.
 - Earlier.
 - Bedeck.
 - Burden.
 - Small boy.

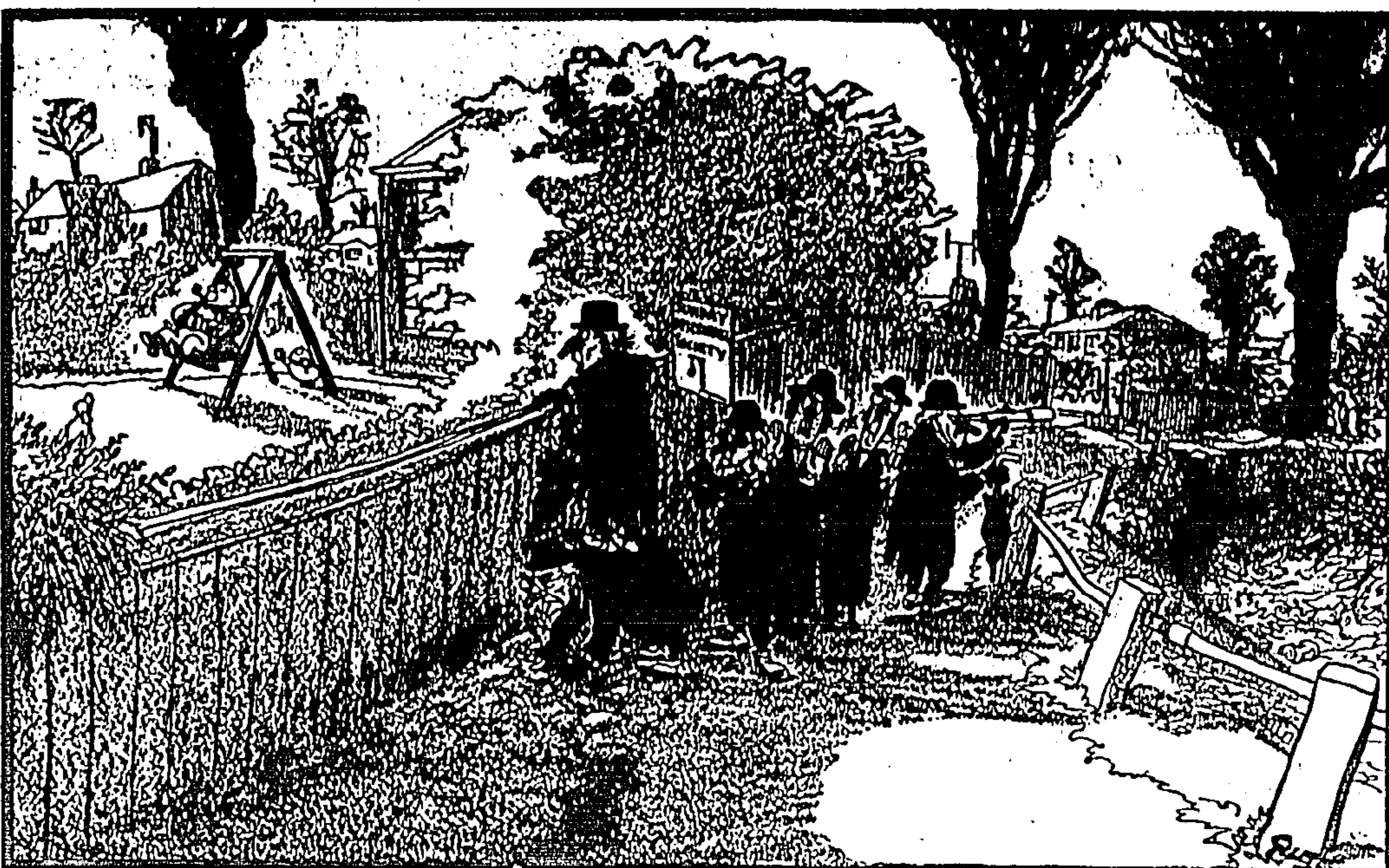
YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Ravens, 7 Opine, 8 Trite, 10 Emerge, 13 Melange, 15 Role, 17 Altered, 18 Comble, 20 Onus, 21 Evicted, 26 Entree, 27 Enthroned, 28 Ruins, 29 Burmout. Down: 1 Totem, 2 Libel, 3 Reign, 4 Evil, 5 Ornator, 6 Seemed, 9 Regale, 11 Melon, 12 Ramps, 14 Eleven, 15 Rehet, 16 Levee, 18 Cowers, 19 Muster, 22 Inert, 23 Trait, 24 Dense, 25 Trio.

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London Express Service

GURKHAS ARE SHARPENING THEIR KUKRIS AGAIN

By RUSSELL SPURR

SMILING, stocky "Johnny" Gurkhas are sharpening their curve-bladed kukris and trekking across the Himalayan foothills to offer their services to Britain.

For word has gone round among the little mountain men that the great white raja over the seas is again facing fierce enemies.

British officers at the recruiting centre at Ghoom, on the North Indian frontier are surprised at the rush of volunteers. They certainly need them—recruits are badly wanted to expand the Gurkha Brigade in Malaya, and fill gaps left by the dispatch of forces to Korea.

But no regular recruiting campaign has yet been started, apart from overtures by the British brigadier at Katmandu, capital of Nepal, the independent Gurkha State on the Indian border.

The hill-folk's age-old "telegraph" seems to have been at work. Wandering traders, loaders of yak caravans, minstrels

and mendicants have spread word that the world's forces are once more on the march.

Still cheerful

GURKHA veterans of the Burma campaign, quietly tilling their hillside farms, retired N. C. O.s with many years' service, and raw youths who have only heard tales of brave deeds overseas, have picked up their ears, said farewell to their women, and set off for Ghoom.

They stagger into the recruiting office, tired, dusty, but cheerful as ever, their few treasured belongings and the precious ever-present kukri strapped to their backs. Those who are too old to serve bring sons and grandsons.

One wizened old sergeant-major, retired after 40 years with the colours, brought three youths. They had been walking with only short night stops for the past three weeks. But he ranged them before the recruiting board, saluted, and stood stiffly to attention, medals jangling on his tattered shirt.

"I have fought well for you, sahibs," he said. "These lads will fight well for you now. They are all I can offer, I'm afraid, as four of my sons have already died in your service."

He got a job

THE officers thanked him, but the old man still hesitated. "Would there be a chance of taking me on, too?" he asked at last. "I can still bend a man at one blow of my kukri."

He was gravely thanked and offered a job around the office. And he's still there, straight as a ramrod, swift as an eagle to spot the slightest speck of dust or dirt, a kindly guardian of the bewildered young recruits coming into Ghoom.

The Gurkha youths need his help and advice. Few have ever been beyond their simple homes, and they start at the sight of a car or aeroplane, let alone a rifle. Yet with careful training, they become among the finest soldiers in the world.

Their physical endurance is prodigious. Living in the world's wildest mountain country, they are used to tremendous exertion, can run with heavy equipment up a steep hill slope, and carry on for miles down the other side. They can march and fight and march for days without a sign of strain. And they fight with a ferocity that scares the Afrika Korps and even the Japanese to flight.

Won't forget

NO one who has faced a Kukri charge—and lived—is ever likely to forget it. Said rufal Lieut.-Col. Omaku, commander of the 44th Japanese Recy Corps in 1944: "It is regretted that our Maungdaw position (on the Arakan Coast of Burma) was overwhelmed this morning by madmen."

over a century Nepal has allowed its men to serve the British Crown, and their loyalty and support helped to crush the Indian Mutiny.

New problems

INDIAN independence raised new problems—the old Gurkha units were split up, some opting to serve the new India, some staying with the British forces. The re-formed British Gurkha Brigade abandoned its magnificent bases in India and moved on bloc to Malaya.

An agreement with the Indian Republic still permitted British recruiting on the northern frontier, and allowed Gurkha troops to pass between their homes and Calcutta, the East Indian embarkation point for Malaya.

Gurkhas have been in against the Federation's Communist bandits for the past two years. Others have been stationed in Hongkong, serving on the same terms as British troops.

They get six months' home leave every three years; their wives and families come overseas to join them. Gurkhas are popular guests in British Army messes though their passion for gambling sometimes leads them into trouble.

Officers and N. C. O.s have to keep a sharp watch out for "card-sharp" after pay parade, in case the younger men lose their money, and more, before the day is out.

At one blow

EVERY autumn the Gurkhas hold their festival or "puja". It goes on for three days. There is a great deal of drinking, sword dancing and singing, which officers in the Gurkha units attend. At the height of the revelry a brawny chosen man strikes off the head of a young bull with one blow of his kukri. If he fails at the first stroke, bad luck will result—but he never does.

The celebrations then go on, the Gurkhas confident that, for another year at least, they will succeed against the English raja's enemies.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Punch Tells About Hay-Rides

—And the Shadows Listen Intently—

By MAX TRELL

"DID you," Mr. Punch said, looking and smiling at Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names "did you ever have a hay-ride?"

Knarf and Hanid both shook their heads. "We've heard of hay-rides," Hanid said. "We've seen pictures of them in books and magazines. But we've never been on one."

"Too bad," said Mr. Punch. "Where does hay ride to?" Knarf now asked. "And why does anybody ride on hay?" "I see," said Mr. Punch, "that neither of you knows much about hay-rides. I'll have to start from the very beginning. Now hay, as everybody knows, is used to feed—"

in.

Other Animals

"Quite correct, my dear. And also to feed other animals such as cows and sheep and goats. It's—"

"Mr. Punch?" interrupted Knarf.

"Yes, my boy? Have you just thought of another use for hay?"

"Oh, yes! Hay is also used to call people with."

Mr. Punch looked puzzled. "To call people with, Knarf? Hay is used for that?"

"Of course! You say, Hay there, Jack! Or, Hay, Joan! Or just, Hay, where are you going?"

Mr. Punch sighed and shook his head sadly. "That's not the same kind of hay, Knarf. It's not even spelled the same way. No indeed—it's not the same thing at all."

"I'm sorry," said Knarf. "Well, now," continued Mr. Punch, "hay is really grass—very tall grass."

"Pardon me, Mr. Punch," said Hanid. "If hay is really only grass, why is it called hay? Why isn't it just called grass?"

"For the same reason," answered Mr. Punch, "that bread isn't called flour, even though bread is made of flour. Hay starts by being grass. But when the grass—the very tall grass—is mowed down, and left in the field for the sun to dry, and then piled on a wagon and taken to the barn for the horses and cows and other animals to eat during the winter when there is no grass on the ground—then all that is done is the grass is called hay. Just as the flour, when it is mixed and made into dough, and put in the oven, and baked, is no longer called flour but is called bread."

Knarf and Hanid both said they now understood what hay was.

Rupert's Autumn Primrose—1



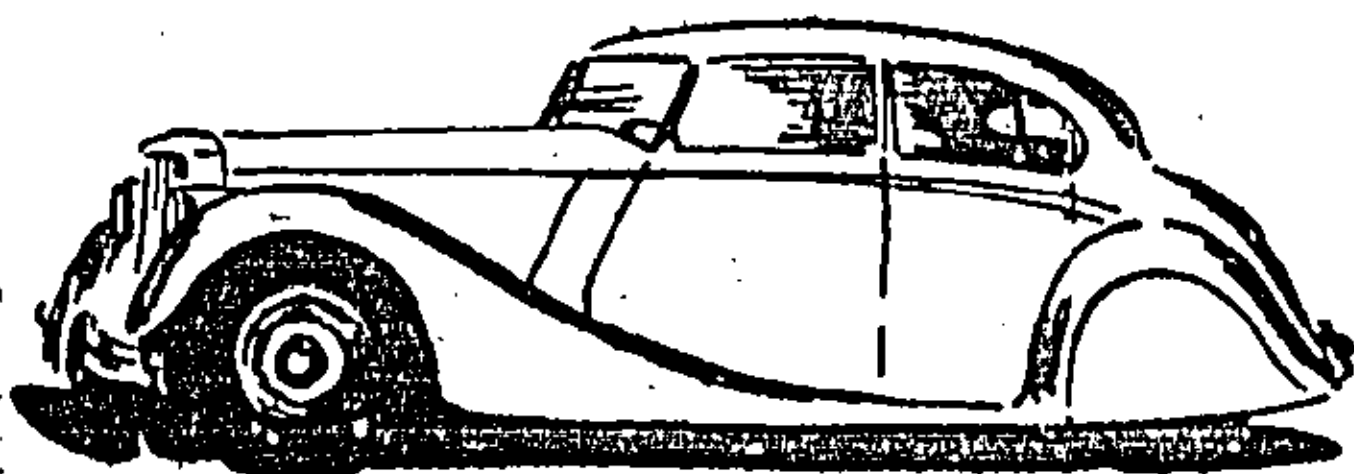
The day is warm, and Rupert, who has been for a walk, is resting at the foot of a tree when a distant sound of music reaches his ears. He sits up and listens. "Where can that be coming from?" he murmurs. And what is it? It doesn't sound quite like a band. At that moment a small figure



appears running across the brow of the hill. "Surely that's Ferdie Fox," says Rupert. "I must ask him what has happened." He gives chase and soon catches his pal. "Hallo, are you coming, too?" says Ferdie breathlessly. "Look, there's a fair just opened up at Robin Down."

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Eve Perrick

ON EVERYBODY'S TOES

ONCE upon a time, according to the fairy tale, you could tell a princess from an ordinary girl by her attitude to the presence of a pea placed under a pile of mattresses.

Nowadays there seems to be another test, placed—the way of royal children with an ink-pot.

Princess Elizabeth's former governess, Marion Crawford (her book "The Little Princesses" has just been published) tells the story of the six-year-old Lilbet picking up an ornamental silver ink-pot and placing it upside down on her own head.

One of the ladies-in-waiting to Queen Juliana revealed the nursery scandal about the four-year-old Netherlands Princess Marijke, who also startled her nurse by emptying an ink-well over her head.

I wonder which will be the first ball-point pen firm to put up the By Appointment sign.

★ 'The Duffer'

★ I KNEW it was bound to happen. On the one hand, all those glib American tourists let loose to observe the London scene. On the other, the age-old selling point about hay. Proverbs, you know, are sayings. One of the proverbs is—Make hay while the sun shines. That means: Don't waste time. And the other proverb about hay is—

"To find a needle in a haystack!" shouted Knarf and Hanid together. And Mr. Punch nodded and smiled again.

Yes, the Americans have discovered the Duffie-coat. For them it has been translated into "The Duffer," and dyed into delicate shades of Forest Green, College Grey, Hunting Red, and a new entry in the Color (u) r Lists, Duffer Blue.

Of course, you can't sell such a hideous coat to the clothes-conscious New Yorkers just by way of Government surplus stores (as was the case here).

The Duffer has been launched on Fifth-avenue to the strains of an advertising campaign built around the alleged prestige of the people who wear them.

I quote: "The Duffer is the precise (not approximate) American copy of the coat worn in England and all over the Continent by the smartest-dressed young men and women.

Wear it in the city, in country, at football games, driving a car.

"Famous Baxter Mills in New Hampshire especially loomed the 100% virgin wool, impregnated-process cloth. The peg-buttons are whitened mahogany; the loops are Dutch fishing hemp."

The man who got the idea of taking the duffie-coat to a country already having trouble with Ku Klux Klanners offers them for sale at £8. (Price here £2 10s. to £3, but only in khaki or navy.)

I hope he gets stuck with the lot.

★ All-in cure

★ CHRISTMAS DAY in the health house is much like everywhere else. Indeed, at the nature cure resort at Tring not only do the patients come off their orange-juice diet for a session of turkey, pudding, and pies feasting, but they get presents from the tree, Santa Claus and a fancy dress ball.

This year, to celebrate its 25 years, the establishment is putting on a special variety show—highlight, a muscle-control display by the proprietor.

★ Tough going

★ A PUBLICITY handout from Claridges Hotel—despatched with love and kisses to the very people for whom they admit they have no affection—makes this boast:

"Photographers and reporters meet very polite but very complete and almost continual

good manners that abounds at Claridges."

Hurray for those tough desperadoes—Orson Welles, Paulette Goddard, Christian Dior, the Duke and Duchess of Segovia among them—who, entrenched in that same fortress, somehow managed to get themselves interviewed and photographed within the sacred precincts.

★ Linen count

★ UNDER the dramatic heading "Figure of the Month," the British Hotels and Restaurants Association states: "In a large London hotel the changing of bed linen entails 6,000 sheets and 6,000 pillow-cases per week."

★ No name...

★ JACKPOT question of the week: Who is the member of the House of Lords who wears his father's nightshirt? The generous peer has lent his sleeping attire to the promoters of a theatrical pageant of fashion, with a proviso that his name must on no account be included in the list of donors on the programme.

★ Indisposed

★ ON THE eve of his departure from Hollywood, the film colony's Man of Distinction, Sir Laurence Olivier, is indisposed. He has housemaid's knee.

(London Express Service)



Bow Draw-String Dress



YOUR little lady, be she one or eight, will delight in this full-skirted, bow-tie dress—and you will love the way the draw string lets it open flat for easy ironing. This dress will grow along with the child, for some time too; simply tie bows shorter and eventually drop them.

You need to buy a pretty 36" cotton twice length from close up at underarm to knee 1 yd is right for a two to three-year-old. Buy 3yds. white twill tape for drawstring and 1 spool matching thread.

Pocket Pieces
Tear from one selvage a 4" strip. For pockets, cut two 4 1/4" pieces from one end of this strip. Make 1/4" hems on one crosswise edge of each pocket piece.

For shoulder ties, tear remaining 4" strip in half lengthwise. Make a narrow hem on all edges and ends of both strips. Cut strips in half crosswise, making two ties for each shoulder.

Cut dress piece in two crosswise. Seam selvages together, beginning seam 4" below top edge to allow for casing open-

ing. French-seam the other lengthwise edges.

Turn a 1 1/2" hem on top edge, as at A. Place the strings under edge of hem 6 1/2" from each seam, as at B, C, D, and E. Stitch to place. Make second row of stitching through centre of hem to lake heading.

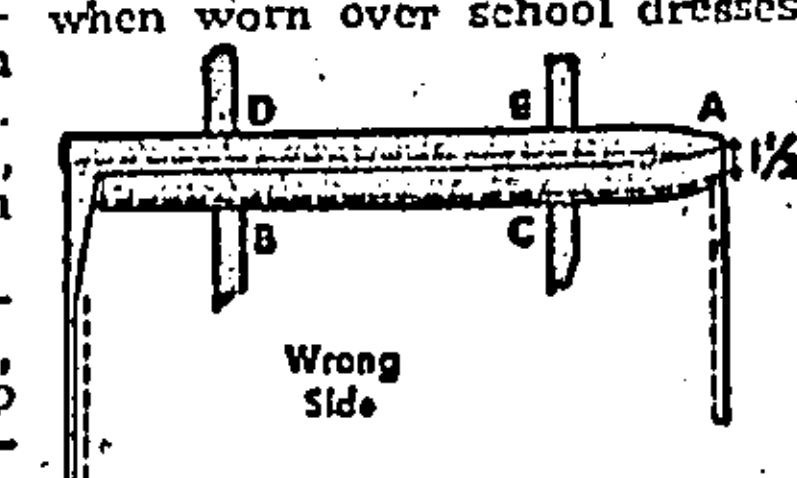
Draw tape through casing with safety pin or bodkin. Put dress on. Tie shoulder bows. Draw up tape to fit comfortably around body. Make a double bow of long tape and tuck this inside dress at underarm.

Adjust fullness. Pin pockets to position. Pin hem to a becoming length—never too long. Remove dress. Make hem an even width all way around. Stitch, using a long stitch so hem may be let down when needed.

Adjustable Draw-String
Draw-string will adjust for fuller chest size, and shoulder bows can be less full for additional length.

Turn raw edges of pockets in, and clip corners at bottom. Place straight with lengthwise grain of dress or diagonally, as shown. Stitch pockets to position, stitching twice across each hem end to prevent tearing out. For tall girls, but 4" extra in length, and tear two 2" crosswise strips off for a tie-belt sash for waistline.

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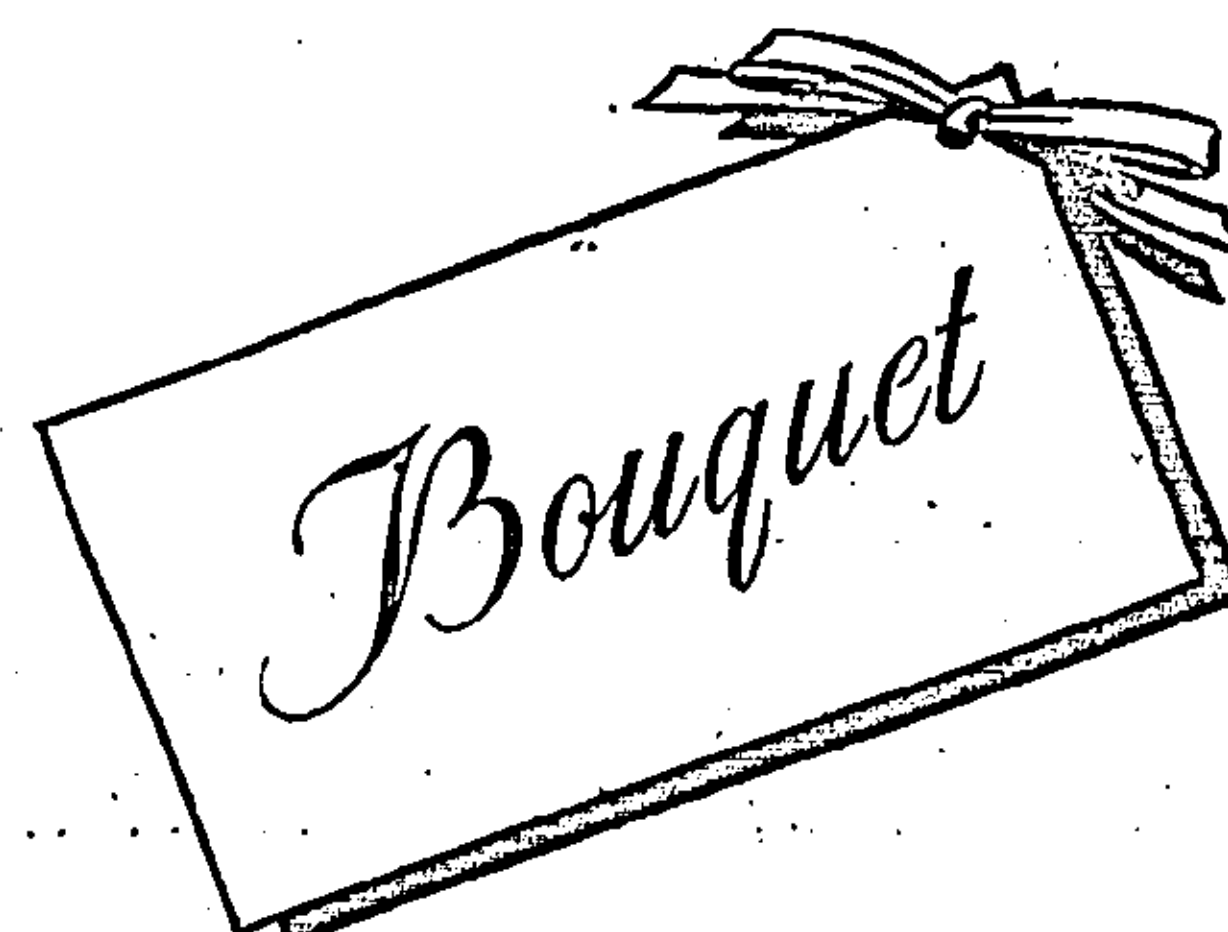
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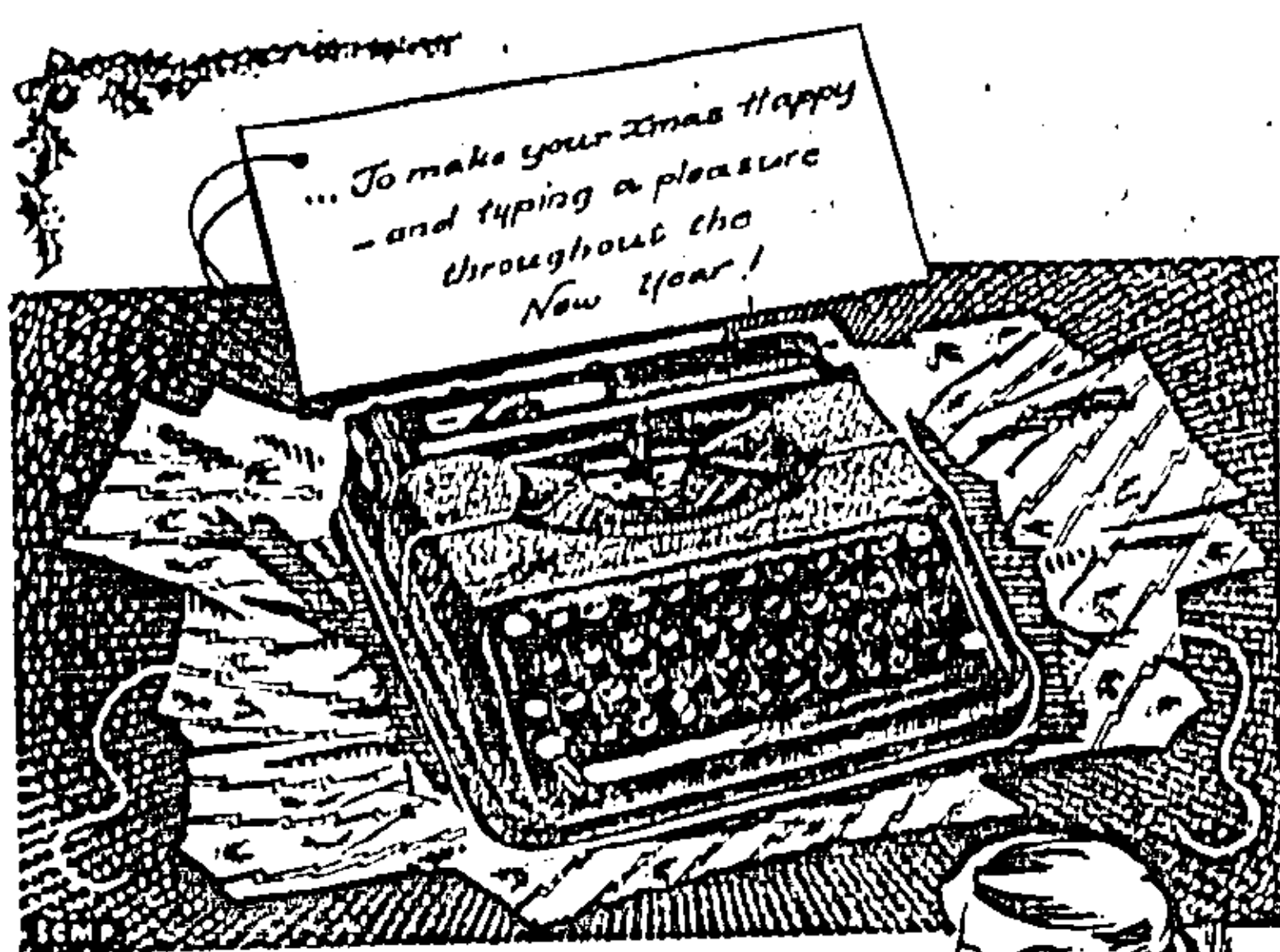
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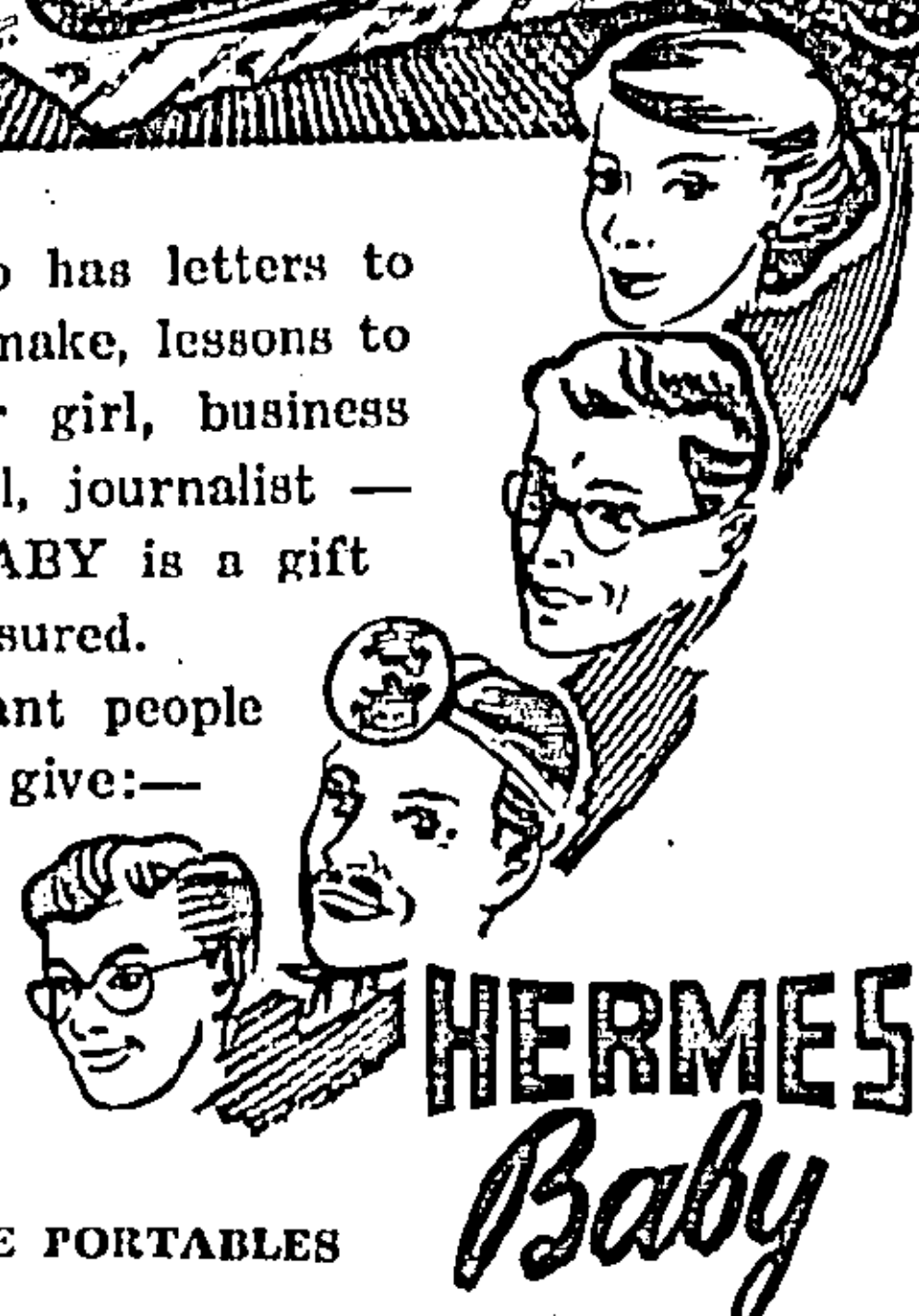
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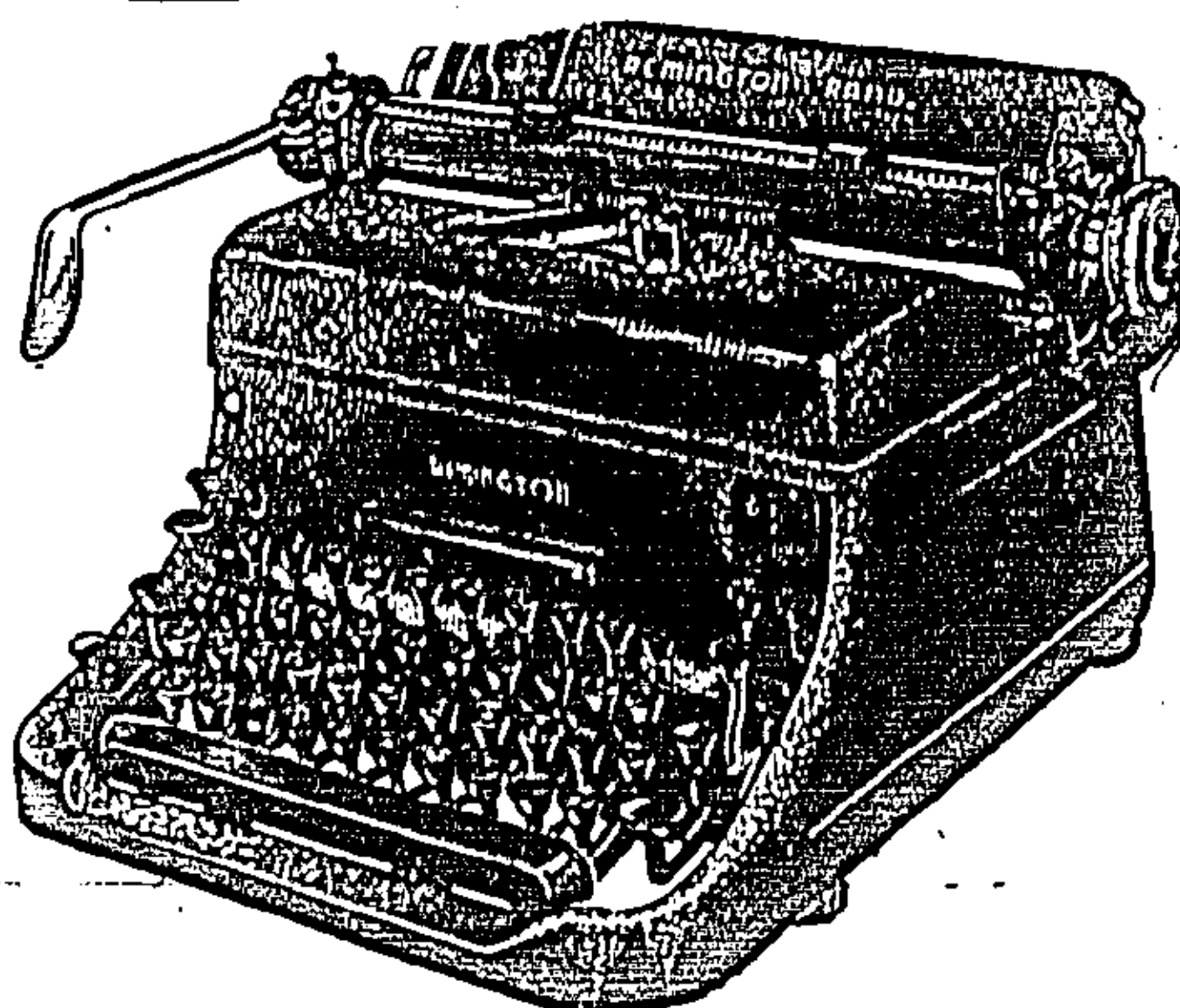
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WHAT MAKES A GOOD ADVOCATE?

IT is finished; my share in the drama of the Law is over and the curtain has been rung down.

Never again shall I take my place in the arena and join in the battle. I have fought my last fight.

All that remains is the inevitable query, has it all been worth while? Is advocacy merely a glorious way of earning a living, or does it serve some useful purpose?

Is the advocate of any real value to anybody except himself?

Perhaps it is only necessary to watch a litigant trying to conduct his own case unaided, floundering through a mass of evidence, to realise at once that trained advocacy is an absolute necessity to justice; without the advocate law as we understand it could not survive.

It is the position of the advocate himself which causes so much misunderstanding. It is a great misfortune to the Bar that the community knows so little of the principles by which it is guided.

ed unanswerable and, under prolonged cross-examination, that think widened.

The witness began to stammer and prevaricate and in the end he broke down completely, and his action was dismissed.

Never again did I try to form a conclusion in advance.

The lawyer has to face the question: "Has it all been worth while?" In a particularly concrete form. He has his memories to confront him. He can look back on long hours preparing for the coming trial, long days in court fighting for his clients' interests, and in the end he has sometimes won his case.

Justice done

But can he ever be quite sure that it was he who won? Can advocacy ever win a case? Was it his unstinted efforts that brought about the much deserved result, or did the case simply win itself?

The late Mr Justice Rigby Swift, a most forceful judge, was once dining at a mess dinner on circuit, when he was greeted triumphantly by the circuit leader.

"Well, judge," he said, "I had a good win before you today."

Rigby Swift was never one to mince his words.

"How dare you say you had a win before me?" he retorted. "I sit in court to see that justice is done. In my court justice is done. No counsel ever wins a case before me."

The learned judge was nearly right. I have known so many advocates—good advocates and very good advocates, bad advocates and very bad advocates—and in the result I am satisfied that at least 80 percent of all cases win or lose themselves.

But of the remaining ten percent, it is not so easy to speak with certainty. Undoubtedly a case can be lost by bad advocacy, but is the antithesis equally true?

The duty

If the public were better informed, barristers would not be harassed by the perpetual inquiry: "How can a self-respecting counsel honestly defend a person whom he knows or believes to be guilty? How can he, in honesty, represent a client whom he believes to be a liar?"

Such a question shows a woeful ignorance of the duties and obligations of the English Bar.

As a barrister is the only person who has the right of audience in a superior court, that right casts on him the absolute duty to represent to the best of his ability any client who requires his services and is prepared to instruct him properly.

In a criminal trial the prisoner is entitled to be represented whether he be innocent or guilty, and the question of his innocence or guilt is no concern of his advocate.

That question never really comes before the court at all. The issue is not whether the prisoner is innocent or guilty, but whether the prosecution has succeeded in proving conclusively that he is guilty—a very different thing.

Very seldom

Can a brilliant advocate ever win a case which, without his brilliant advocacy, would have been lost?

I know he can—very seldom, but on those rare occasions which prove the exception to a general rule.

Many years ago a member of the racing fraternity was on his trial for murder. He was defended by a thoroughly competent advocate, but the prosecution was in the hands of the Attorney-General of the day, a man of exceptional brilliance.

The case swayed backward and forward as each counsel strove to achieve success, but the Attorney-General had the last word and his eloquence turned the scale. The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The somewhat disappointed prisoner turned dejectedly to his warders: "Bilmev," he said, "it was the riding wot did it."

It was in truth, the riding which did it.

Nobody has yet discovered what qualities must be possessed by an advocate if he is to reach the highest rank.

Personality

Some say "personality," others "an ability to seize the one vital element in every case"; still more consider that the power to cross-examine is the most important.

Each of these wisecracks is wrong. An advocate, to be really great, must possess all three, but perhaps personality is the greatest of them all.

Nobody who has watched the great figures of the past can fail to realise that from time to time one has appeared who out-shadowed all his rivals. When he entered the court nobody else seemed to exist.

It was not that he talked louder than his opponents; shouting is merely a cloak for mediocrity—it was simply that

he possessed a personality able to dominate the court. And that is a gift which cannot be acquired.

The ability to pick out the one real point of a case is not by itself enough. It is the courage required to seize on that point to the exclusion of all others that is of real importance.

Undoubtedly the power to cross-examine is the great, perhaps the final, test of advocacy—and it cannot be learned by experience or taught by rules. It is a gift from the gods.

But, after many years' cross-examination and watching others cross-examine, I have satisfied myself that no advocate will be of much value, unless he possesses the knack—if that is the right word—of assessing accurately and almost instantaneously the personality and mentality of the witness facing him.

That is why it is impossible to prepare a cross-examination in advance. How can it be possible to know in advance how a cross-examine a witness you have never seen?

First question

It is only by the most careful and meticulous consideration that anybody can decide if the witness be truthful or dishonest, stupid or cunning, intelligent or foolish, and it is not until that decision has been made that it is any use thinking of the questions to be asked or the method of attack.

And even that is not enough. It is the first question that really counts—it may be the turning point in the whole case. It may completely destroy the effect created by the witness. It may change the whole atmosphere in the court.

That is why it is folly for an advocate to decide how to begin his cross-examination until the last second before he rises to his feet.

There must be some weakness in the story he has just heard; he has got to find it and stick to it.

A lying witness has given the most plausible and convincing evidence. The atmosphere throughout the court is wholly in his favour. There is a smile of self-confidence on his face as he completes his evidence and faces, with contemptuous superiority, the counsel who rises to cross-examine him.

And then—Bang! Out comes the first question. The witness is completely non-plussed. He was prepared for it. And he thinks: What can my opponent have found out against me?

In a flash

In a flash his self-confidence has gone. The smile disappears, and the atmosphere begins to change—that strange, electric atmosphere which tells counsel whether his questions are taking effect.

From being friendly, it becomes tinged with doubt and then with hostility—and all from that first question, selected from a host of others at the last moment.

Every member of the Bar knows well that strange atmosphere. Nobody knows its exact source, but it sweeps backward and forward as though to guide the cross-examiner on his course.

It may be encouraging or hostile, and if it be hostile the wise advocate knows that he has struck a wrong note. He must change the whole conduct of his case and, if possible, he must make the change so that nobody knows it is being made.

That electric atmosphere is the only guide he will ever get, and he must always take it.

Some counsel have told me they get all the guidance they require from the faces of the jurymen. Personally, I do not believe it; but of this I am quite sure—anybody in sen-

sible to atmosphere will never be any good.

Once launched on a cross-examination one rule must be rigorously enforced: never allow assistance from outsiders. Two people cannot cross-examine the same witness at the same time.

I have watched enthusiastic juniors assisting their leaders with repeated interruptions. I have seen equally enthusiastic solicitors rising to remind their counsel of some apparently forgotten point.

Last question

I do not encourage the practice. Indeed, I was once constrained to curb the repeated, and indeed perpetual, offers of assistance from a particularly irrepresible client by hitting him on the head with a volume of the Law Reports.

That is not a practice I recommend to a beginner, as hitting solicitors with law books might decrease their practice. It is to be adopted only in extreme cases, as a necessary reminder that the cross-examiner must be left alone.

One other question is almost as important as the first—the last. The witness must not be allowed to leave behind too favourable an impression.

He may have had time to rehabilitate himself during the course of a cross-examination, which is often much too long, and he may even have partially regained his pedestal.

He must not be allowed to remain on it. He has been knocked off it once with the first question, he must go down again with the last.

If those two questions have been well chosen the rest of the cross-examination will probably fall into line. The difficulty lies in choosing them.

Bitter fights

As I shall never again be called on to select them for myself, it is immaterial whether my ideas are good or bad. At any rate, I strongly advise everybody to disregard them—advice from others is useless and often harmful.

Each must decide his own method for himself and at the end he will not be certain whether his own method was good or bad.

But at least he will be certain of one thing. If he has decided to practise at the English Bar, he will have lived his life amid glorious surroundings; he will have fought bitter fights with gallant and generous opponents, all of whom will remain his dearest friends.

He will have received sympathy in his disasters and ungrudging generosity in his successes. He will have toiled for days and nights at work that has never pulled, and at the end he will know beyond any possibility of doubt that his work has been well worth while.

THE END

Ships From US For Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 14. Japanese news reports said the International Trade and Industry Ministry will begin negotiations soon with SCAP for the purchase of American Liberty ships to handle Japanese imports, to feed Japanese industry and supplement food supplies.

The Ministry maintains, under full utilisation of available bottoms, only 3,000,000 tons of shipping.—United Press.

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Pride of the Regiment

THE regimental organisation for the Infantry which existed up to the end of the second world war was one of the most valuable features in our Army. With this system there were two battalions of each Regular regiment, a regimental depot, and the Territorial and cadet units, all linked together on a county basis.

By Lt-Gen. Sir GIFFARD MARTEL

Regular officers and soldiers to teach the large number of National Service men.

By this time the post-war pay code had been introduced for the Services, by which men would receive a rate of pay in comparison far below the emoluments received in civil life.

As a result we saw a great reduction in the post-war enlistment for the Regular Army just when large numbers of Regulars had to be employed for training the National Army.

DISADVANTAGES

FOR this and other reasons considerable reductions had to be made in the Regular Army, and particularly in the Infantry.

It became clear that it would be quite impossible to maintain Infantry regiments.

The regimental organisation could not be worked with one battalion. Hence the establishment of some form of Infantry group was inevitable.

TRADITIONS

BUT this cross-posting from one regiment to another was quite accepted when necessary and caused no special trouble.

In spite of these great advantages a proposal was made just after the war that a corps of Infantry should be formed. This was strongly pressed by the authorities at the time.

By this proposal the individual regiments, with their great traditions, would have been replaced by a large bureaucratic body serving under one cap badge. In this body the great names and deeds of the past would have been lost and forgotten.

The authorities argued that the large corps, such as the Royal Engineers and the Artillery, had maintained a high tradition; but there was really no parallel between these cases.

Such was the opposition to this proposal of an Infantry corps that it was dropped and followed by the present-day plans of Infantry groups, by which a number of Infantry regiments are grouped together.

CONSCRIPTION

THE idea was that the difficulties of reinforcement in war and individual promotion in peace would be simplified if the Infantry were so organised.

While the system of Infantry groups was being arranged the proposal for conscription arose.

The Socialist Party were strongly in favour of conscription. It was supported by a few leading soldiers, but opposed by the majority of the more thoughtful and progressive officers.

The first result of the introduction of conscription was the demand for great numbers of

Though this is far better than having a corps of Infantry, the fact remains that much of our valuable regimental tradition is lost in the group.

Now at last the post-war pay code has been revised. As a result the enlistment of Regulars has shown a sharp improvement. It is clear that with proper inducements we need never have burdened ourselves at the start with conscription, which is both wasteful and inefficient.

The Atlantic Conference has now decided that there must be 20 divisions in Germany by next summer. It is clear that so long as Russia maintains a great army, fully mobilised in peacetime, the Western nations must do the same, but with skilled men and not with short-term conscripts.

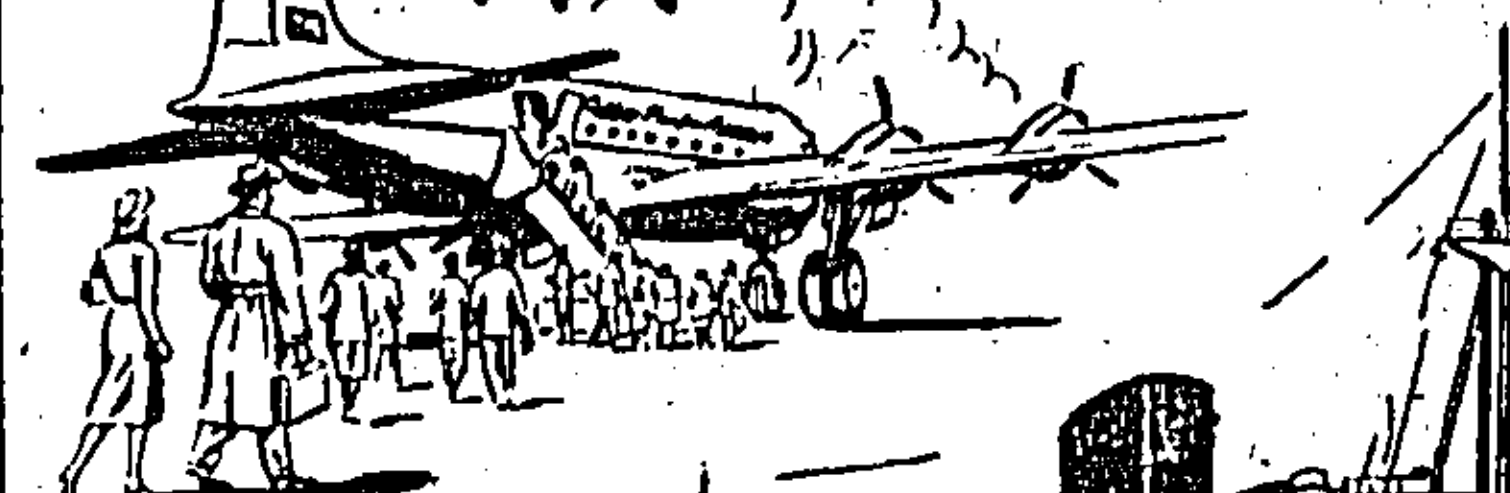
As regards Britain, we have spent four years in planning to build up a great reserve which would be very valuable in the later stages of a war, but what is the use of this if we have already lost the war in the early stages?

We must concentrate on raising the maximum number of highly trained Regular formations in the next two years and reduce conscription in stages.

There are plenty of reserves in this country of one type or another for use until the recruits trained by the war-time establishments are ready. With this increase the second battalion of each regiment should certainly be re-formed.

We could then abolish the group system and return to the regimental organisation—the great delight of all soldiers who have known the wonderful effect of these regimental traditions.

"Happy Landings!"



"Bon Voyage!"

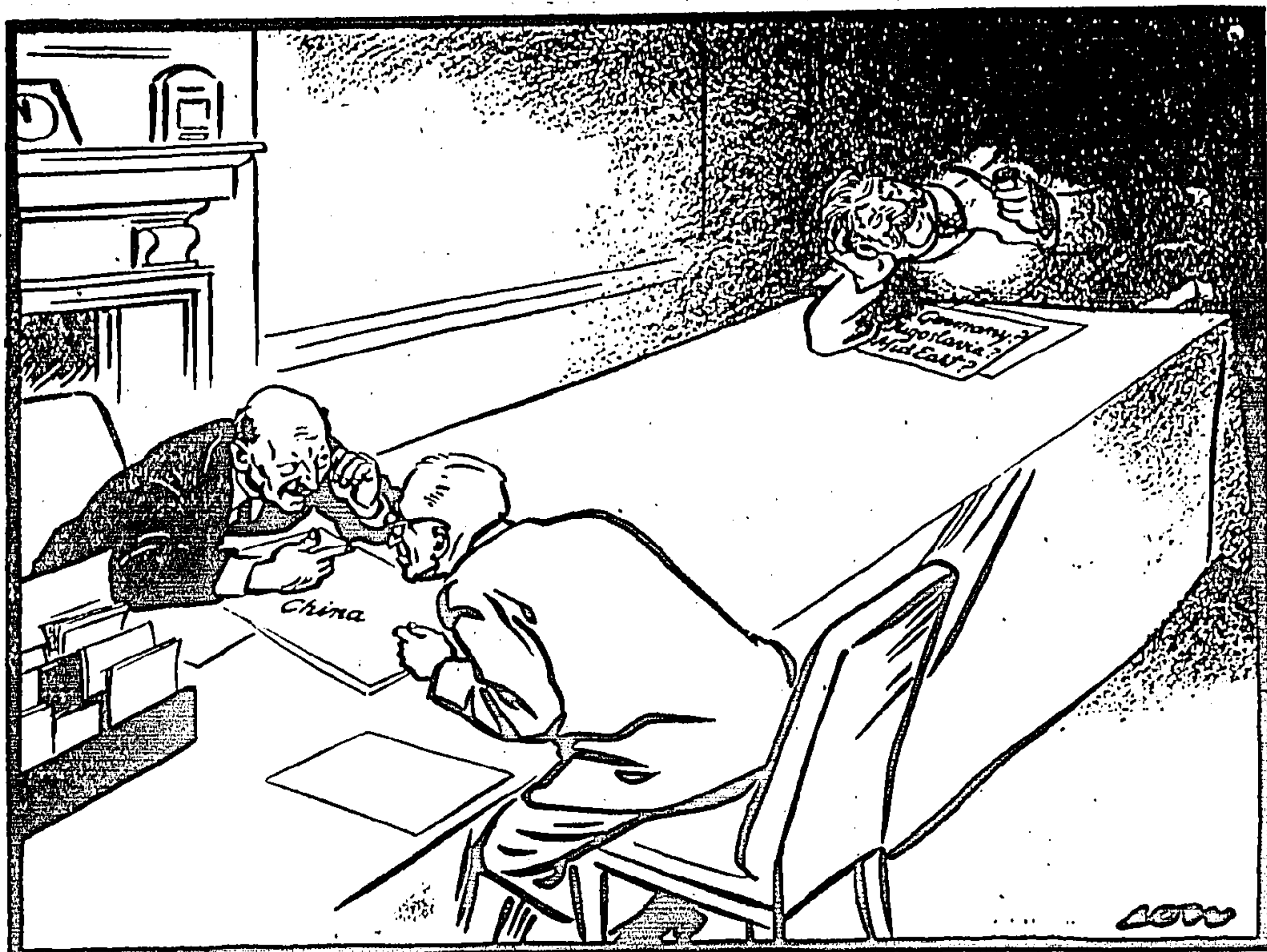
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"THE HINGE OF FATE".....CHAPTER 39

THIRD WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

By Winston Churchill

WE left London (for the third Washington Conference) on the night of May 4, 1943, and went aboard the Queen Mary in the Clyde on the following day. The ship had been admirably fitted up to meet all our needs. The whole delegation was accommodated on the main deck, which was sealed off from the rest of the ship. Offices, conference rooms, and of course the Map Room, stood ready for immediate use. From the moment we got on board our work went forward unceasingly.

All kinds of clever precautions had been taken to conceal the identity of the passengers in the Queen Mary. A number of notices had been put up in Dutch to suggest that Queen Wilhelmina and her suite were travelling to America in the ship. Ramps were ostentatiously built in the passages so that a wheel chair could traverse them smoothly. This was in order to start a rumour that the President of the United States and a considerable staff were to be brought to England on the return voyage. The more tales, the more safety.

Cover plans

So effective were the cover plans that even some members of the Cabinet Office staff, who had embarked in the Queen Mary for the Hot Springs Food Conference, were dumbfounded to see us board the ship. About 5,000 German prisoners were already on board. It had been suggested that they should be transferred to another ship, but I could not see what harm could do us, under due control and without weapons, and, since the point was referred to me, had given instructions that they should come along.

The Conference, which I had christened "Trident," was to last, at least, a fortnight, and was intended to cover every aspect of the war. Our party had therefore to be a large one. The "regulars" were in full force: the Chiefs of Staff, with a goodly number of

members of my Defence Office. The Commanders-in-Chief in India, Field-Marshal Wavell, Admiral Somerville, and Air Chief Marshal Peirse, were also with us.

I had summoned them because I was sure that our American friends would be very anxious that we should do everything possible—and even impossible—in the way of immediate operations from India. The conference must hear at first hand the views of the men who would have to do whatever task was chosen.

It had been decided at Casablanca to attack Sicily, and all preparations were far advanced. The Chiefs of Staff were convinced that an attack upon the mainland of Italy should follow or even overlap the capture of Sicily. They proposed the seizure of a bridgehead on the toe of Italy, to be followed by a further assault on the heel as a prelude to an advance on Bari and Naples. A paper setting out these views and the arguments which led up to them was prepared on board ship and handed to the American Chiefs of Staff as a basis for discussion on our arrival in Washington.

Akyab failure

We anticipated more difficulties in reaching agreement with our American friends over the second great sphere of British military action, namely, the operations from India. At Casablanca it had been agreed to aim at the capture of Akyab before May 1943, in order, by a limited advance from Assam, to gain new starting-points for air operations to Burma and air-lift to China. A provisional date of Nov. 15, 1943 for an assault on Burma had also been fixed, subject to a review of forces available in July.

All this had been set forth on paper, but we had little to show in fact. The advance on Akyab had failed, and its capture before the monsoon had now to be ruled out. The advance from Assam had not been undertaken because of administrative difficulties and the inability of the Chinese to advance to Yunnan during the spring. Some increase had been made in the air transport available for the China route, but the full development of the air route and the requirements for a land advance towards Central Burma had proved utterly beyond our resources. It therefore seemed clear beyond argument that the full "Anakin" operation (i.e. the recovery of Burma) could not be attempted in the winter of 1943-44.

Burning question

I was sure that these conclusions would be very disappointing to the Americans. The President and his circle still

feared unduly the imminence of a Chinese collapse if support were not forthcoming. I disliked thoroughly the idea of reconquering Burma by an advance along the miserable communications in Assam. I hated jungles—which go to the winner anyway—and thought in terms of air-power, sea-power, amphibious operations, and key points.

Another burning question for us was how to obtain the use of the Portuguese Atlantic islands. We wanted facilities in the Azores for operating our long and very long range aircraft from Terceira and San Miguel Islands. We wanted to be allowed to refuel our naval escorts at either San Miguel or Fayal, and to have freedom to use the Cape Verde Islands for reconnaissance aircraft.

All these facilities would give far better and wider air cover to our convoys, and consequently more scope for evasive routing. They would increase our carrying power by enabling us to come more directly through the middle of the Atlantic. They would give us the power to attack U-boats not only going to and from the Biscay bases, but also while they were resting, refuelling, and recharging their batteries in mid-ocean. We were to find the Americans even more ardent than us on all these points.

To Shangri-La

On May 11 we arrived off Staten Island. Harry Hopkins was there to meet us, and we immediately entrained for Washington. The President was on the platform to greet me, and whisked me off to my old rooms at the White House. The next afternoon, May 12, at 2.30 p.m., we all met in his oval study to survey and lay out our work at the conference.

For the week-end of May 15 the President proposed to take me, not to Hyde Park, but to Shangri-La, which was the name he gave the mountain refuge, about 4,000 ft high, in the Catoctin Hills, in Maryland, where he sheltered, whenever the chance offered itself from the stifling heat and buzz of Washington. We had a dispute about where we should sit in the car for this three-hour journey. Alike by his rank and from his infirmity there was only one place for the President. Mrs. Roosevelt wished to sit in one of the small oval seats and put me next to the President. I would not have this, and the British Empire went into action.

After about three minutes' conflict of wills I won, and Mrs. Roosevelt took her proper place by her husband's side. Harry Hopkins filled the fourth seat, and we whirled off amid our cyllist escort. After about two hours we approached the town of Frederick. I made inquiries about the mountain refuge, and

"Shoot if you must this old grey head."

"But spare your country's flag," she said.

When it was clear that no one else in the car could add to this quotation I started out:

"Up from the meadows rich with corn,

Clear in the cool September morn.

The clustered spires of Frederick stand"...

and sailed steadily on:

"Up rose old Barbara Frietsche then

Bowed with her threescore years and ten;

Bravest of all in Frederick town

She took up the flag that the men hauled down."....

Full marks

I got full marks from my highly select American audience, none of whom corrected my many misquotations, and was encouraged to discuss at some length the characters of Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee, two of the noblest men ever born on the American continent.

After a while silence and slumber descended upon the company, as we climbed with many a twist and turn up the spurs of the Alleghenies. Soon we arrived at Shangri-La, which was in principle a log cabin with all modern improvements. In front was a fountain and pool of clear water, in which swam a number of large trout, newly caught in the neighbouring stream and awaiting the consummation of their existence.

The President had been looking forward to a few hours with his stamp collection. Gen. "Pa" Watson, his personal aide, brought him several large albums and a number of envelopes full of specimens he had long desired. I watched the chance offered itself from him with much interest and in silence for perhaps half an hour as he staked them in, each in its proper place, and so forgot the cares of State.

Meeting Madame

But soon another car drove up to the door, and out stepped Gen. Bedell Smith, quick-winged from Eisenhower's headquarters, with a budget of serious questions on which decisions were urgently required. Sadly F.D.R. left his stamp collection and addressed himself to his task. By the evening we were all tired out and went to bed at ten.

On this week-end was also

'I owe you my life' she said to—
The sisters who flew to opera

By WILLIAM TOWNSHEND

WHEN Hitler's persecution of the Jews was at its height, two London sisters made frequent week-end visits to Germany "to see the opera."

On Friday evening Louise, the elder and a civil servant, would leave her office and be joined outside by her sister Ida, ex-typist turned novelist.

Together the girls would dash off to Croydon and catch the last plane for Cologne.

There they usually took train for Munich to see and hear two old friends, Clemens Krauss and Viorica Ursuleac, conduct and sing at the opera.

But more often than not their trips were a blind, Ida Cook now reveals in a modestly written book, "We Followed Our Stars"

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Moved by the plight of Jews in Germany, the sisters decided to try to help as many out of the country as they could.

At a friend's house in Frankfurt they interviewed hundreds of men, women, and children who knew that sooner or later the Gestapo would take them away to concentration camps.

Back in London, the sisters found sponsors for "domestic helps" and "students." Ida raised money by giving talks on the refugees' plight.

"Ida's little piece," her family called it.

Brought 29

The Cook sisters succeeded in bringing 29 doomed people to Britain. The last pair, an aged man and his wife, landed in Britain four days before war broke out.

When the police at Cologne airport became suspicious of the sisters' frequent visits, says Ida, "we were simply operative enthusiasts, coming for a special performance, about which we knew all the details."

Krauss had seen to this side.

There were smiles for "the opera-mad English couple" but no more questions.

Says Ida: "The whole work was a fight against suicide. One had to give people enough hope to stop them turning on the gas, or opening a vein...."

Jewels were smuggled across by the sisters so that the refugees could sell them for their keep on this side.

How it was done

This is how it was done: "We used to go over there without so much as a wrist watch between us, and return wearing all that two rather over-dressed English girls might wear."

"We never accepted earrings for pierced ears, because neither of us had pierced ears."

"In the case of fur coats, we used to take one or two dress-labels from good English dress-houses."

"On arrival at the town where the fur coat was, we would go straight to the owner before visiting our hotel. We would both try on the coat to see whom it best fitted."

"Then we stitched in our English label."

Real fans

Once Ida came across the frontier with a valuable diamond brooch—pinned to a 6s. 11d. jumper!

When the girls told their story on this side they invariably found the Customs sympathetic.

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Their reward for the risky work they once did is in five words spoken by a woman they helped—"I owe you my life."



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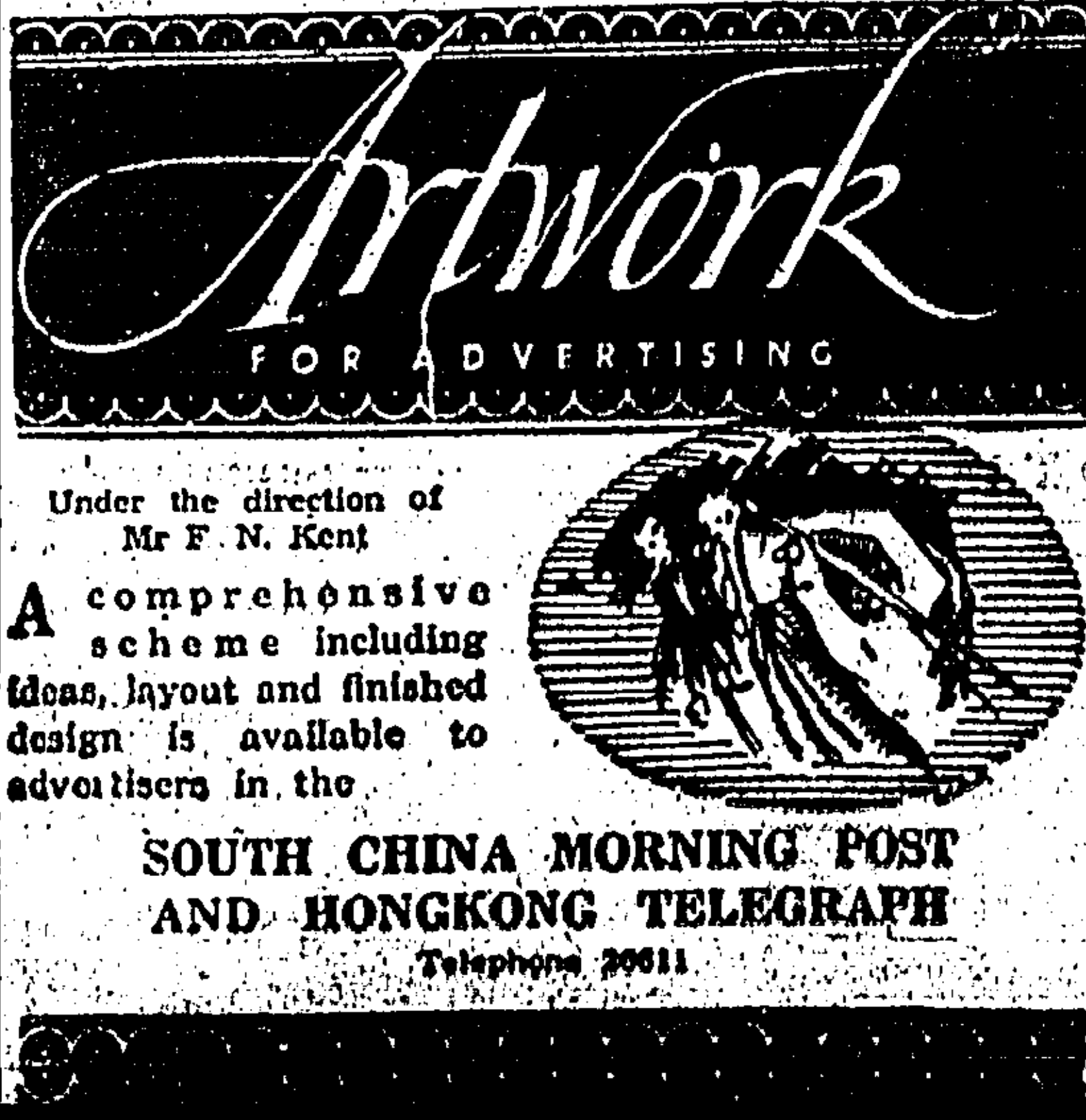
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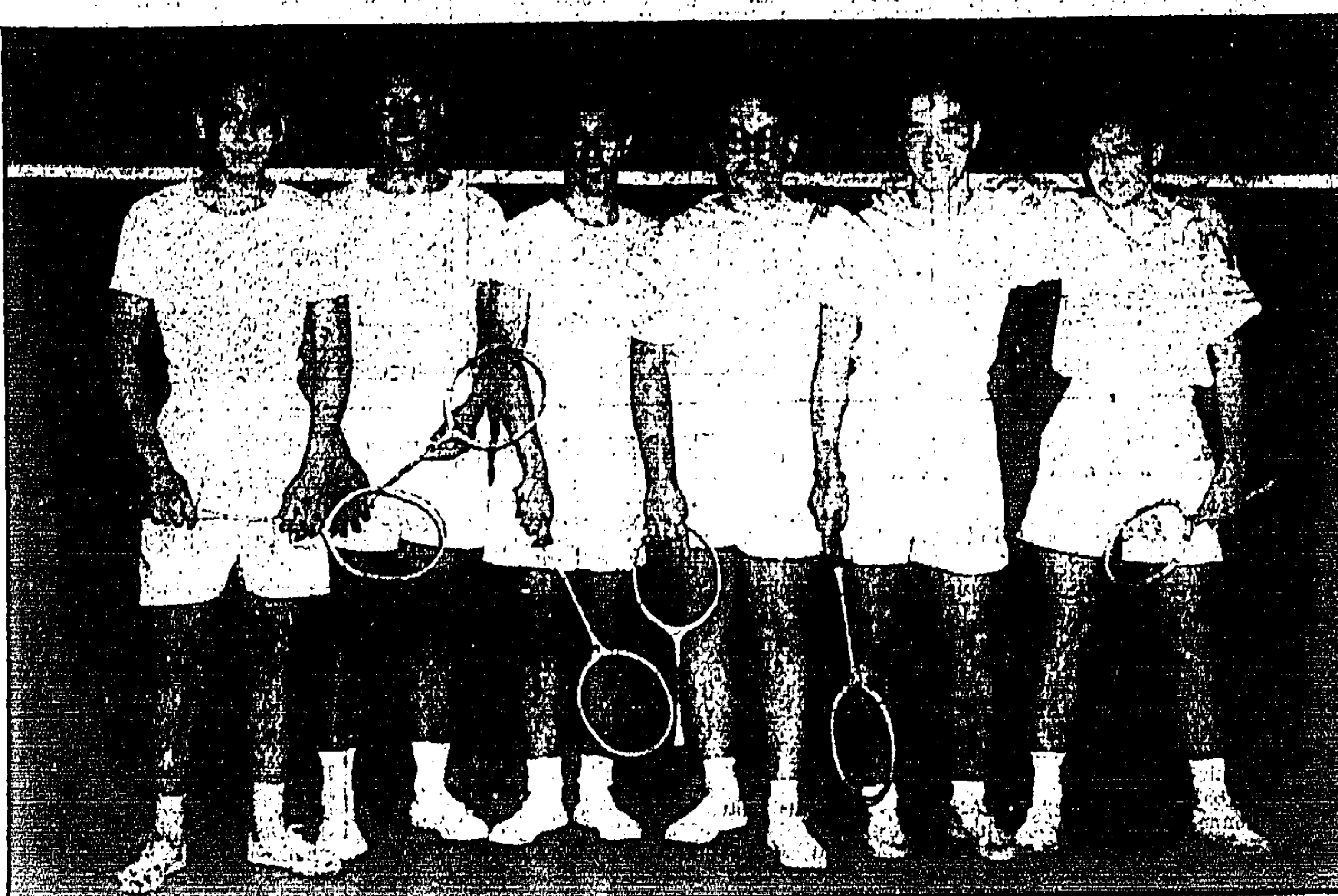
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From left to right: F. M. Rosario, A. J. Souza, H. J. Xavier, F. M. Ribeiro, C. M. Quinn and T. E. Rodrigues. — China Mail Photo.

Tomorrow's Chances
At The Valley
By "RAPIER"

The Thirteenth Race Meeting, to be held tomorrow afternoon at the Valley, will ring down the curtain on the 1950 racing season held under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

The completion of this meeting will mean the end of another year of most enjoyable racing, and I expect that the keen interest so manifest among racegoers during the past meetings will again be in full evidence tomorrow if the weather again proves ideal.

The Hongkong Autumn Champions will form the main attraction in a programme of eight events and keen racing should be the order of the day.

Mr A. Ostroff is now assured of being Champion Jockey for the year 1950 as he has 22 winners to date and leads by five over his nearest rivals. I doubt that anyone can overtake him after tomorrow's meeting.

The First Saddle Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. in the first race starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp.

Here are my ideas of the chances:

RACE ONE

Last Chance Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

The programme opens with a race for Novice Jockeys on Australian Ponies Class 7. For its efforts in winning the Morning Handicap (Second Section) over 1 1/4 Miles at the 11th Race Meeting, with Mr Kwok (Mr Yen Ching Lan) will have to carry 7 lbs. more, which may not be too much of a handicap owing to the shorter distance. It certainly stands a good chance of winning.

Apple Pie (Mr Chan) is quite at home over this distance and should give the above pony a good fight for the first position if it does not actually win. Radiator (Mr Auchincloss) was third the last time out with Mr Boycott and has its weight reduced by 5 lbs. As it will be carrying 146 lbs. tomorrow, it may find the distance to its liking and, given a runaway lead, it should be near at the finish.

Trade Wind (Mr Chuang) is also good enough to win and, although it ran unplaced at its last outing, it should not be ignored as it is now moving quite well at morning exercise.

RACE TWO

Laggards Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

In this race for Australian Ponies Class 3, Belle Fontaine (Mr Renfrew), Bootle (Mr Kwok) and Lily (Mr S. W. Lee) will be called on to shoulder top weight of 159 lbs. and on that account I think they can be left out.

Judging from the way Corrib ran at the 8th Race Meeting, when it came first in the Connaught Handicap (Second Section) over 1 1/4 Miles, it appears to have an opportunity of scoring a win here. It will again be taken out by Mr Ostroff, and as far as I can see its only real danger will come from V-J Day (Mr Channon).

The winner of the Garvel Handicap (Second Section) 1 1/4 Miles at the last meeting, Stratocruiser (Mr Holgate) has been lightly treated, but I doubt very much whether it is good enough to beat either of the above ponies. The latter has done well recently and may be a good bet for a place.

My Love is in fine fettle at the moment and with Mr K. F. Chiu up should certainly be well backed. I think this combination is well worth a ticket each way.

RACE THREE

Tardy Handicap: One Mile. (This race is confined to Australian Ponies Class 2.) Ben

Black, Clontockle (Mr Maitland), Panda (Mr Renfrew) and Skymaster (Mr Tao).

By virtue of its record breaking run in the Hyde Park Handicap at the 7th Race Meeting, from near the 1 1/4 Mile Post, Bashful Beauty, the 1949 Champion Pony, will command the greatest respect, but Skymaster, judging from its recent track work in the morning, has now fully recovered its old winning form and I have a strong feeling that it will probably reverse its last year's defeat at the hands of the above pony.

On the other hand, Clontockle, the 1950 Hongkong Derby and St. Leger winner, is to be reckoned with as it is well turned up for this great race and should give the above two ponies a great battle.

Regarding the other entries, I am afraid they can be left alone. A great race should ensue, with the result in doubt up to the very end.

There are Jorlocks (Mr Tao) and Green Velvet (Mr Holgate) to be reckoned with as these two ponies are also good over this distance.

Huntmaster (Mr Chen Poo), should not be disregarded as it is quite capable of causing an upset here. Powerhouse (Mr T. L. Wong) is also good enough to extend the above ponies.

RACE FOUR

Last Chance Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

Class 7 Australian ponies will figure in this race, in which I expect to see the finish fought out between Chief Witness (Mr Renfrew), Roslyn (Mr Kwok), Crown Witness (Mr T. L. Wong) and Marber (Mr Pih).

Chief Witness won the Cairn Curran Handicap (Third Section) at the last meeting and in view of that performance I think it should win again, but Roslyn is not to be ignored, as this pony can move some and the distance is more to its liking.

Crown Witness is a slow starter, and Mr Wong will have to do some hard riding if he expects to be anywhere near at the finish.

Marber did not impress in its morning gallops these last few days but it may do better in actual racing.

RACE FIVE

Laggards Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

After its convincing win in the Coronation Handicap (First Section) at the 11th Race Meeting over six furlongs, it is only natural to expect that Fairy Feet (Mr Renfrew) will be made firm favourite and it should not disappoint.

There is, of course, just a possibility that Beekham (Mr Kwok) may cause an upset, provided it does not suffer a bad start.

Golden Dragon (Mr Shieh) is coming along nicely in its morning training, and I think it should do well.

The distance also favours Liberty Ship (Mr Chen Poo) and I expect it to be prominent at the finish.

Hong Kong Autumn Champions: One Mile and a Quarter.

This is the main event of the meeting and is confined to Australian Ponies of this or any previous season with winners of Race Meetings of this Club held since February 1, 1950, only weight 150 lbs. to be ridden by riders approved by the Stewards.

Only seven ponies have been entered for this race, and I expect the following to face the starter: Bashful Beauty (Mr

Fair Denise (Mr S. W. Lee) came third in the Cheung Chau Stakes (First Section) over the mile in a Novice Race at the 10th Race Meeting, and judging from that performance it stands a very good chance of annexing this race.

Sharpshooter will be taken out by Mr Renfrew and, in view of its fitness at the moment during morning gallops, should give the above pony a good run for the first position.

Mr Nooit has the choice of taking out either Fearless Witness or Unicorn and which-ever one he takes out should be dangerous.

The Kam Lung (Mr H. C. Woo) and Trigger (Mr Maitland) should find good support, not for a win but for the

Two Mile Post One Round & 20.

The last race of the meeting and the year is confined to Australian Ponies Class 10, weight 150 lbs., jockey allowed.

Although it would appear that the winner could be selected from a few of the entries, I doubt whether picking the ultimate winner will be easy after all.

RACE EIGHT

Final Stakes: From Near The Two Mile Post One Round & 20.

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K.C. Tao Wins
Hardcourt
Semi-final

K. C. Tao, the former Shanghai Champion, eliminated Tsui Yun-pui yesterday by 6-3, 6-3, 4-6 and 6-1 to qualify for the final of Colony Hardcourt Singles Tennis Championship. Tao will meet Edwin Tsai at the Chinese Recreation Club court on Saturday at 8 p.m.

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For the guidance of listeners we publish below a summary of the lesson. Summaries for subsequent lessons will be published in the China Mail every Tuesday and Friday for the duration of this radio feature.

Lesson 13 The Past Tense

Vocabulary:

54. jaw (2). A sound placed after a verb indicating the past tense.
55. ook (1). A house.
56. gaah (1). Classifier for buildings; houses; rooms; etc.
57. faan (1). To return. Back.
58. jee (1). To know.
59. (3)wah. To any.
wah (2). A language; dialect.

- Combinations:
1. (3)Doh jaw (2). Have done.
2. (1)Lat jaw (2). Have come.
3. Hui (2) jaw (2). Have gone.

4. Been (1) - gaan (1) ook (1) 17 Which house?

5. Nee (1) - gaan (1) ook (1). This house.

6. Gao (2) - gaan (1) ook (1). That house.

7. Gaan (1) - gaan (1) ook (1). Every house.

8. Hoh (2) faan (1). Well again. To be recovered or better (in health).

9. Day (2). faan (1). To return. To repay.

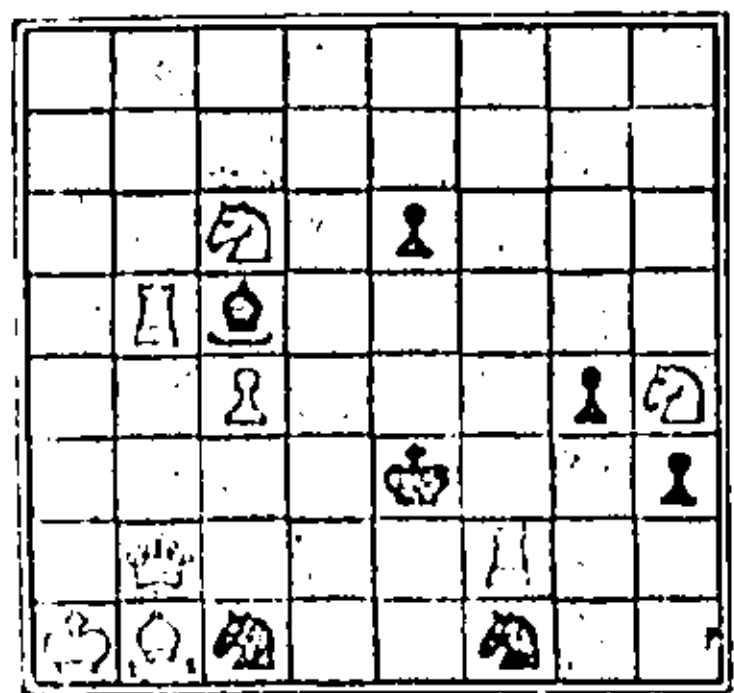
10. Faan (1) (1)lat. To come back.
11. Faan (1) hui (3). To go back.
12. Jee (1) doh (3). To know.

13. (2)Ngaw (3)wah - bay (2) - (2)may-jee (1). (full). I'll tell you.

14. (2)Ngaw (3)wah - (2)may-jee (1). (abbreviated). I'll let you know.

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. WARTON
Black, 7 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-Q8, any; 2. Q, R, Kt, or P mates.

15. (2)Ngaw (1)m (3)wah-(2)may-jee (1). I won't tell you.

16. (1)M-hoh (2) (3)wah-(2)kut-jee (1). Don't tell him (her). Don't let him (her) know.

General Expressions:

4. Ook (1) kay (2). Home. Residence.

5. (2)Ngaw ook (1)-kay (2). My home.

6. Faan (1) ook (1)-kay (2). To go (return) home.

Conversations:

1. A. (2)Lay seen (1)-shaang (1) hai (2) (neo) (1)-shue (3) mah (3) 7 Is Mr Lee in?

2. B. (2)Lay seen (1)-shaang (1) (1)in hai (2) (neo) (1)-shue (3). Mr Lee is not in.

3. A. (2)Kul hui (3) - jaw (2) been (1)-shue (3) ah (3)? Where has he gone?

4. B. (2)Kul faan (1)-jaw (2) ook (1)-kay (2). He has gone (return) home.

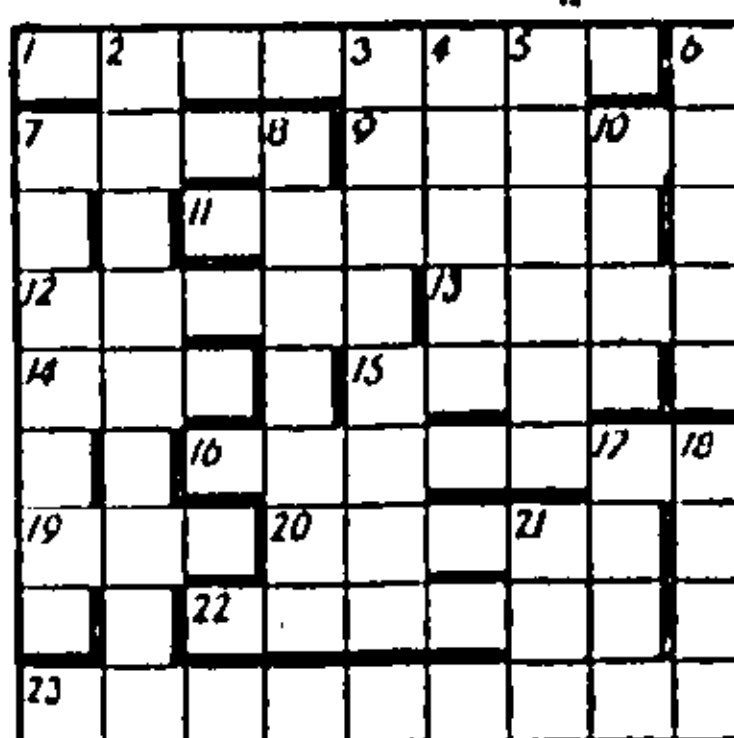
5. A. (2)Kul faan (1)-(1)lat (1) (1)in faan (1)-(1)lat ah (3)? Is he coming back?

6. B. (2)Ngaw (1)in jee (1)-doh (3) (2)kul faan (1) (1)lat (1) (1)in faan (1)-(1)lat. I don't know whether he is coming back or not.

7. (2)Kul (2)moh. (3)wah-(2)-ngaw-jee (1). He didn't tell me.

(To Be Continued)

CROSSWORD



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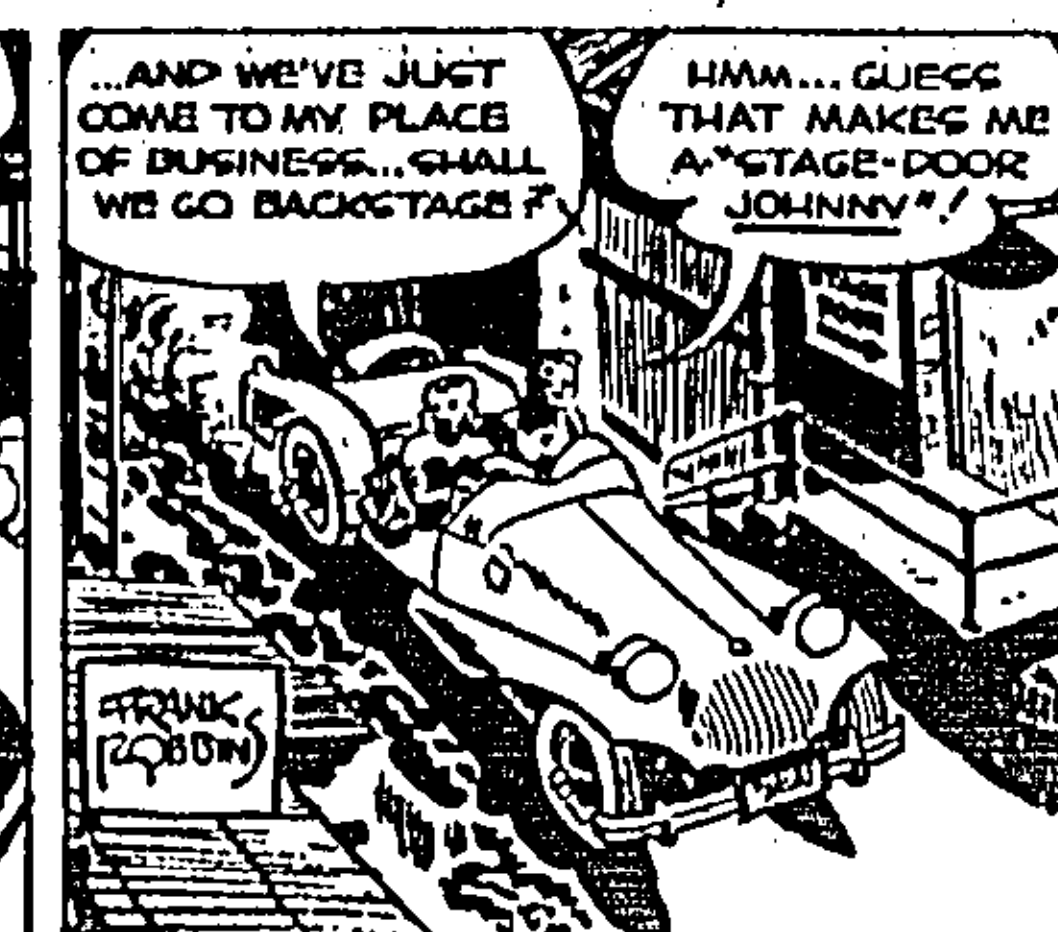
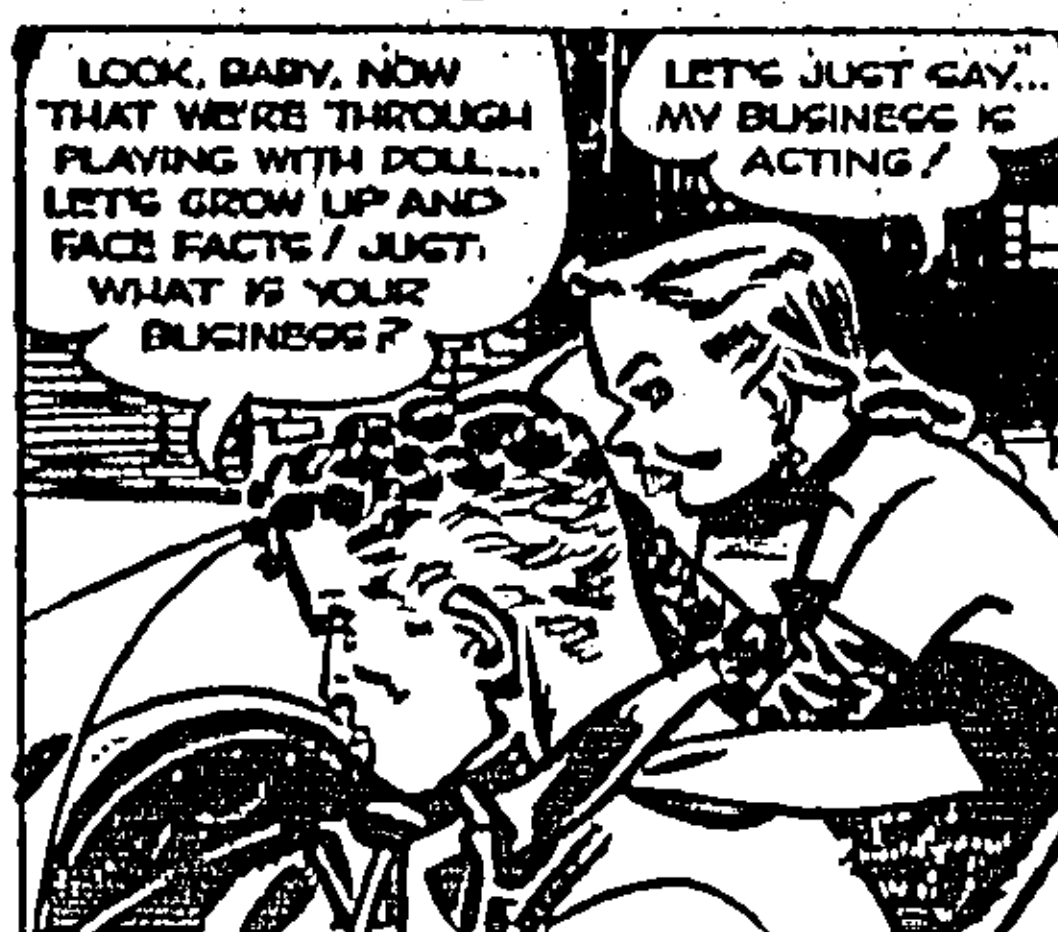
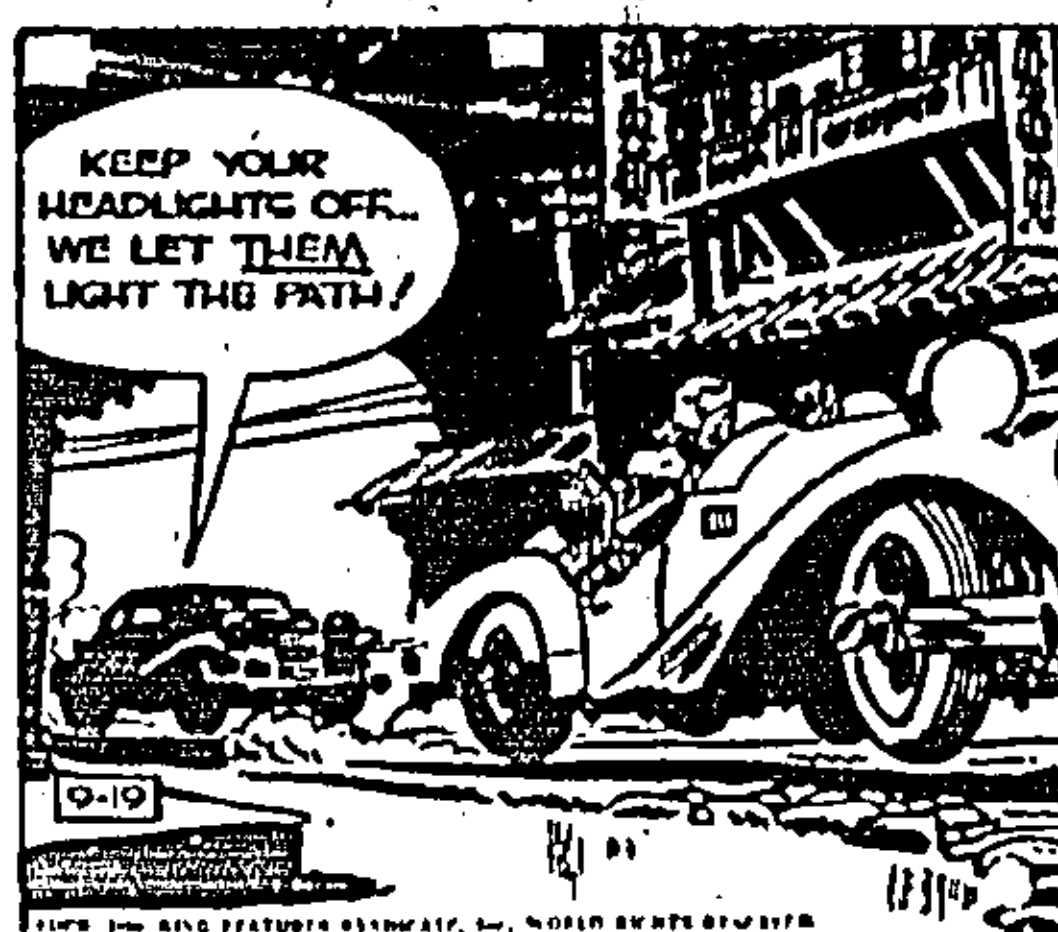
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JOHNNY HAZARD



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

DR STRABISMUS (whom God Preserve) of Utrecht has invented a prehensile hydraulic drop-filter for feeding pelicans by remote control.

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Prognose: Is there much call for such an invention?

Myself: If you knew how much time is wasted in feeding pelicans by the old method you would not ask silly questions.

Avoiding the cliché

"I SHOULD like" said a tiny man wistfully to a very tall girl. "I should like, if I may, to rain kisses on your down-turned face."

Cat Police?

FIREMEN and policemen must have read with feelings of horror the statement that the cat population is increasing. Every day in every paper you may read how the police and the fire-brigades are called almost hourly to rescue cats from trees.

tops, roof-tops, gutter-spouts, and other points of disadvantage. My own opinion is that cats should be nationalised, and that Cat Police should go about with ladders, telescopes and wooden decoys.

Courageous protest

A MAN who filled his hat with charcoal "as a protest against everything that is happening in the world today" probably acted hastily, and without thinking things out.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

If you are born today, your deepest interests lie in the intellectual things of life. You read extensively and your mind is quick to pick up all kinds of knowledge. You also have the talent for being able to impart it to others. Consequently, you might make a gifted, even an inspired teacher. The world needs such as you. Even if you do not enter the fields of education as a profession, you will always be one who can help others in an advisory capacity. You are apparently quiet and unassuming, sometimes even the appearance of not caring too much about anything, you have a deep seated determination which rises to the surface when needed. Exacting in taking care of detail, yourself, you expect others to be the same and have little use for the shirker or for one who procrastinates. You can be too critical. Curb this tendency unless you can make suggestions for betterment when you find fault! You enjoy travel and will want to visit as many countries as possible, during your lifetime. You enjoy a good time and can be the "life of the party" when you are in the mood. This is a surprising tendency for one who is usually as reserved as you appear to be most of the time. Your marriage should be a happy and contented one. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Affections shown to a friend can be rewarding. In some work, follow instructions faithfully.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be creative in all your ideas. Be reserved in commenting upon affairs concerning others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Rashness doesn't pay. Don't be guided by a spur-of-the-moment idea. Reconsider.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Get business matters settled today. Compromise if you find it necessary.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Don't start an argument. If someone doubts your capabilities, show what you can do under pressure.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Neither a borrower nor a lender be. If you have, return it! Use tact in regaining own property.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Energy and enthusiasm will help you in completing a task that needs doing efficiently now.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Finish up work in your office. Don't let odds and ends go over the week end.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Think things over carefully and don't be carried away by enthusiasm when it comes to a new idea.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—If you have worked well this past year, then this is the day to ask for that promotion or raise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Take care of domestic tasks. Make careful plans, secretly if necessary, for your future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Curb impulsive tendencies. Common sense is your best guide in all things today.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Well, what a fine lost horizon this turned out to be!"

Check Your Knowledge

- Did Montez reach the Promised Land?
- What relation was King George V of England to Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany?
- Name the capital of Tibet.
- Where is Charles Dickens buried?
- What name is given to the weight used in measuring drugs and medicines?
- Does the term "Indian Summer" originate in India?

(Answers on Page 12)

BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

WITH frozen food cabinets, we're expecting Junior to dash in any day and shout, "When do we thaw?"

It relieves one's emotions to be in a crowd, says a psychologist. But who wants to make love in a tram?



Christmas is coming—and the salesgirl will get in her wraps without hurting anybody.

Pity the lonely hen—her son will never eat.

Tax dodgers are a menace to good government, says a banker. And how about the tax spenders?

INTELLIGENCE TEST

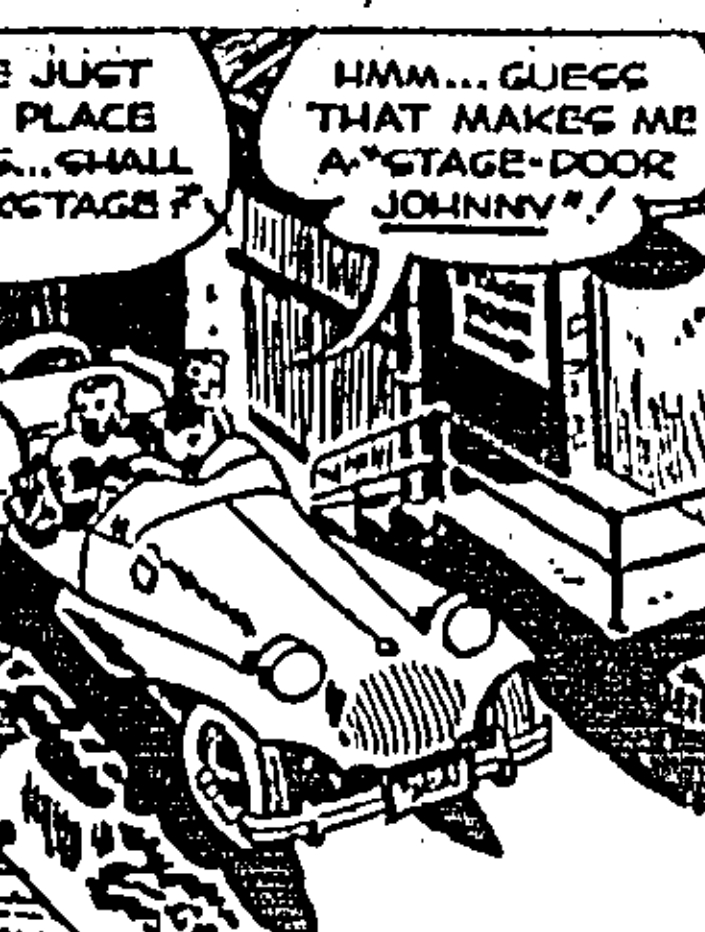
Three Novels

By T. O. HARR

"MY favourite novel," said Monty, "is 'The Great Gatsby' by F. Scott Fitzgerald. It has more passion in it than any other novel I have read. All these girls were pulling my leg. The title of the novel is a reference to the lives of three famous ones—what are they?"

(Solution on Page 12)

By Frank Robbins



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Declarer's Logic Does Him Dirt

By OSWALD JACOBY

LONGFELLOW once described a certain little girl as follows, "When she was good, she was very, very good, but when she was bad, she was horrid."

The same might apply to expert contract players. When they are good they are very, very good, but when they are bad, WOW!

Take a look at today's hand. North and South have six spade tricks, five diamond tricks and the other two aces. A total of 13 as can be plainly seen.

In a recent important team of four match both sides got to a final contract of six diamonds on identical bidding. The device of diamonds was opened at both tables and on declarer proceeded to make all the tricks, just like almost any other player would.

The other declarer was more resourceful and actually worked out a fairly logical play which resulted in this making 11 tricks only and being down one. I say fairly logical, because his play was not the best. However, here is his play and his reasoning.

He won the opening lead with the king of diamonds, cashed the queen of diamonds and the queen of spades and

led the eight of spades toward dummy. So far his play duplicated that of the other declarer, but his play from dummy was different. The other declarer simply played the king of spades and when East followed, spread his hand. This unfortunate player made the brilliant(?) play of the ten of spades. East won the trick with the jack and was not too surprised to lead back the nine of the same suit. Declarer was forced to ruff high and therefore was left with four spade tricks only. He still had the heart finesse as a last resort, but when that lost he was down one.

The reader will note that this play would have won the hand if West held all the remaining spades and East the remaining trump. It could only lose to the exact combination of cards in the hand. Namely, both remaining spades in the East hand and the king of hearts in the West.

However this combination was slightly more likely than the one that would have resulted in the play being correct so this declarer had gone way out of his way to lose his contract.

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Neither vul.
North East South West
1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
2♠ Pass 4♥ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
4♥ Pass 6♥ Pass
Opening lead—♦2

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"LA MARSEILLAISE" to Marcella via Manila 8th Feb

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"TJISALANGKA"	24th Dec.	30th Dec.
* Only to Singapore, Penang & B. Del.		
MANILA, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA and SOUTH AMERICA	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"RUYT"	18th Dec.	23rd Dec.
"BOISSEVAIN"	19th Jan. '51	9th Mar. '51
"TJISADANE"	20th Jan. '51	9th Feb. '51
"TIRADAK"	1st Feb. '51	
JAPAN	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"RUYT"	6th Jan. '51	22nd Dec.
"TIFANAS"	7th Feb. '51	23rd Jan. '51
"BOISSEVAIN"	7th Mar. '51	21st Jan. '51

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‡ not calling at Manila		
JAPAN	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"LANGLESCOT"	21st Dec.	19th Dec.
"MARIEKERK"	7th Jan. '51	10th Jan. '51
"MELISKERK"	9th Feb. '51	Mid Jan. '51

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Thailand Rice

Exports

Washington, Dec. 14.
Thailand is expected to export about 2,500,000,000 pounds of milled rice during 1951, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This would be about the same as for 1950. Thailand's 1949 rice exports totalled 2,680,000,000 pounds.—Associated Press.

BULLS HAVE A GOOD DAY IN COTTON

New York, Dec. 14.
Bulls in the cotton market had their best day in more than a week. Prices moved up after a mixed start and maintained a firm undertone right through to the close.

A change in sentiment coupled the following main influences, firstly, the disclosure of a vast textile buying programme by the armed forces, secondly, the potential demand for March against "call" sales, and thirdly, increase in domestic mill and exporter buying. Hedge pressure against old crop months, so conspicuous earlier in the week, showed a noticeable falling off, traders said. Covering in nearby December delivery wire dealings, expiring at noon on Friday, added to the general undertone of firmness.

Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot	42.21
December	42.00
March (1951)	42.05-42.14
May	40.80-40.85
July	37.00-37.05
October	37.42 nominal
December (1952)	36.75
March	36.75
May	36.75

NEW ORLEANS MARKET Closing rate December 14, 42.00

Spot December 42.01 bid

March (1951) 41.90 bid

May 41.41 bid

July 40.80

October 37.00

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'AUSTERITY AS USUAL' STILL BRITISH MOTTO

London, Dec. 14.

The suspension of Marshall aid will not mean any new restrictions on the British economy. However, it will mean no relaxation of controls already in effect, economic observers said today.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, told the nation in a radio broadcast on Wednesday night:

"The rearmament programme is in sight, and we will have to do without a lot which we might otherwise have had."

Observers believed that the overall situation would be no different as usual.

This would mean five years to wait for a new car, the highest taxes in the world, 3/6d for a pack of cigarettes and the rationing of meat, sweets, butter, bacon, sugar, cheese and eggs, some other items.—United Press.

COTTON SHORTAGE

London, Dec. 14.
Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, said today that he was not satisfied that Britain was getting an adequate share of the United States cotton crop.

Supplies so far allocated to Britain were only one-third of her imports from the United States in the year ended last June, he told the House of Commons.

He was trying to get as much cotton as possible from other sources, including the British colonies, but he hoped that representations he had made, the importance of which the Prime Minister had underlined in Washington, would result in a fuller appreciation of Britain's needs, he said.

Mr. Wilson told a questioner that the British allocation had been 235,000 bales compared with Japan's 693,000 bales and that he was fully aware of the anxiety in the Lancashire cotton mills.—Reuter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.
The stock market heeled over under a violent selling assault today. Leading issues dropped one to an extreme low, a share before levelling off.

Liquidation dried up as quickly as it started and numerous stocks closed a trifling above the lows for the day. The sudden selling was evidently due to nervousness among owners of railroad issues who were anxious over a wildcat strike threatening to cripple the nation's railways. Rail stocks led the decline. Transfers were 2,680,000 issues.

Among the stumblers were Nickel Plate, Baltimore and Ohio, Douglas Aircraft, Dow Chemical.

Gainers included Sinclair Oil, American Airlines, Pepsi-Cola, American Woolen.

Dow Jones averages:
Stocks 82.92
20 Industrials 225.89
15 Rats 72.78
10 Utilities 88.95

—Associated Press.

Firmness On Exchange

London, Dec. 14.
The London Stock Exchange showed widespread firmness today in the face of Marshall Aid suspension.

Government funds moved slightly higher and industrials showed many improvements. International Nickel showed strength and oils continued to move higher under the influence of further substantial dividends.

Mining lives up late in the day's session and closed firm. Rubber shares rose slightly.

In the foreign market, Japanese and German potash issues made further progress.

Financial Times Index: 115.2.—Associated Press.

New York Sugar

New York, Dec. 14.
Domestic sugar futures No. 6 closed 2 to 6 higher with sales of 130 contracts.

January 5.60
March 5.57 bid
May 5.52 bid
July 5.47 bid
September 5.42 bid

World sugar futures No. 4 closed five to six higher with sales of 402 contracts.

March 5.22 bid
May 5.21 nominal
July 5.20 bid
September 5.19 nominal

Raw sugar spot 5.20 nominal
—Associated Press.

New York Metals

New York, Dec. 14.
Prices in the metal market here closed unchanged with the following exceptions:

Tin, Grade A 48.00 percent or higher New York per lb 150
Scrap Sheet, F.O.B. per ton 100
(No. 1 heavy smelting) 99.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

New York, Dec. 14.
Business was done in the local foreign exchange market this morning at the following rates:

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$11,163,775.

The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follows:—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

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EASTERN ASIA NAVIGATION CO. ANNUAL MEETING

Chaotic Shipping Conditions

Owing to the chaotic conditions governing local shipping the Eastern Asia Navigation Company, Ltd., has not entered the market directly, even though high prices prevail, and a substantial part of the company's funds will be used in certain forms of shipping finance which promise to be profitable, said Mr G. E. Marden at the company's annual meeting held this morning.

He also announced a modest dividend of five cents per share, free of tax.

Mail Notices

The latest date of posting for Christmas air mail to Great Britain, Europe and Japan is on Friday, December 15 at 5 p.m.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles (by air or sea) and Parcel Post close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail where mails close on Sunday or before 10 a.m. on any other day, registered and parcel post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon and West Office one hour earlier than the G.P.O. closing times.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
 Closing Times By Air

B.N. Borneo, Australia & New Zealand, 5 p.m.
 Indo-China, French North Africa & France, 5 p.m.
 Philippines, 5 p.m.
 Japan, 5 p.m.
 Europe, 5 p.m.
 Pakistan, Persian Gulf, India, 5 p.m.
 South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, 5 p.m.
 Europe, 5 p.m.
 Formosa, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
 Closing Times By Air

Formosa, 3 p.m.
 Japan, 5 p.m.
 Europe, 5 p.m.
 Closing Times By Sea

Malaya & Indonesia, 2 p.m.
 Burma & India, 2 p.m.
 Ceylon, Madagascar, India & Pakistan, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
 Closing Times By Air

Japan & Korea, 10 a.m.
 Philippines & B.N.B. Formosa, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
 Closing Times By Air

Formosa, 10 a.m.
 U.S.A. & Canada, 2 p.m.
 Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Persian Gulf, South Africa, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N.W. Europe, 5 p.m.
 Indo-China, French North Africa & France, 5 p.m.
 Japan, 5 p.m.
 Europe, 5 p.m.
 Closing Times By Sea

Malaya & Indonesia, 2 p.m.
 Burma & India, 2 p.m.
 Ceylon, Madagascar, India & Pakistan, 3 p.m.

Proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, the Chairman, Mr Marden said:

During the year under review your Board has had constantly before it the question of the future of the company and it has now been decided, subject to the surmounting of a difficulty to which I shall refer, to utilise a substantial part of our funds in certain forms of shipping finance which promise to be profitable.

This is intended to some extent as a short term measure pending the return of normalcy to the shipping position as it affects tramp vessels operated from Hongkong. Despite the attractive freight rates current, your Board still feels that it would be unwise to enter the market directly at the high prices prevailing for it is a fact that conditions governing local voyages are little better than chaotic. Nevertheless it is hoped eventually to secure tonnage suitable for our purposes at a reasonable price.

I remarked last year in reply to a question from a shareholder that there was no intention of liquidating under existing circumstances but if in the opinion of the Board it became unprofitable or otherwise undesirable to operate ships, the question might be considered. I have nothing to add to that statement.

When your Company was transferred from the Shanghai Register to that of the United Kingdom under the Defence Regulations no copy of the Memorandum and Articles were available, and as the main purpose of the transfer was to relieve the Company of disabilities connected with the enemy occupation of our country of domicile, we accepted an abbreviated Memorandum. Legislation exists permitting resumption of the original Memorandum in the case of a Company transferred from Hongkong and subsequently re-registered, but our own case is technically outside of it.

We have, however, taken steps to obtain legal permission to use the Memorandum under which we were first incorporated and with the good will of the authorities, which we believe is forthcoming, we have no reason to anticipate difficulty.

THE LADY WOLMER

You will observe a note on the Balance Sheet to the effect that "Lady Wolmer" was the subject of a conditional agreement for sale. The agreement remains conditional, a substantial portion of the proposed purchase price remaining unpaid. In the meantime, the vessel is being satisfactorily operated. Members will realise that she has a concrete hull and has therefore certain disadvantages. The note referring to litigation remains on the Balance Sheet, and we have no news of the result of her appeal in the Panamanian case. The hearing was concluded three months ago judgment being reserved.

From the Profit & Loss Account you will observe the effect of full year's revenue from "Lady Wolmer." Interest earned has increased somewhat and may be expected to be substantially higher for the current year. The item Exchange Profit is of a non-recurring nature.

Management Expenses are but little more than nominal and the General Managers' Commission of some \$21,000 on this account since our formation. I have referred in previous years to the considerable services rendered to us by our General Managers.

There is but little change in the Balance Sheet itself and, as I have already informed you, a substantial portion of the balance in the hands of our General Managers has been earmarked for use when certain formalities are completed.

Your Board is much gratified at being able to recommend a maiden dividend, modest though it is, and there is every reason to anticipate from the results of the current year's operations so far as they are available, that it can be repeated next year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr C. Blaker seconded the resolution which was carried unanimously.

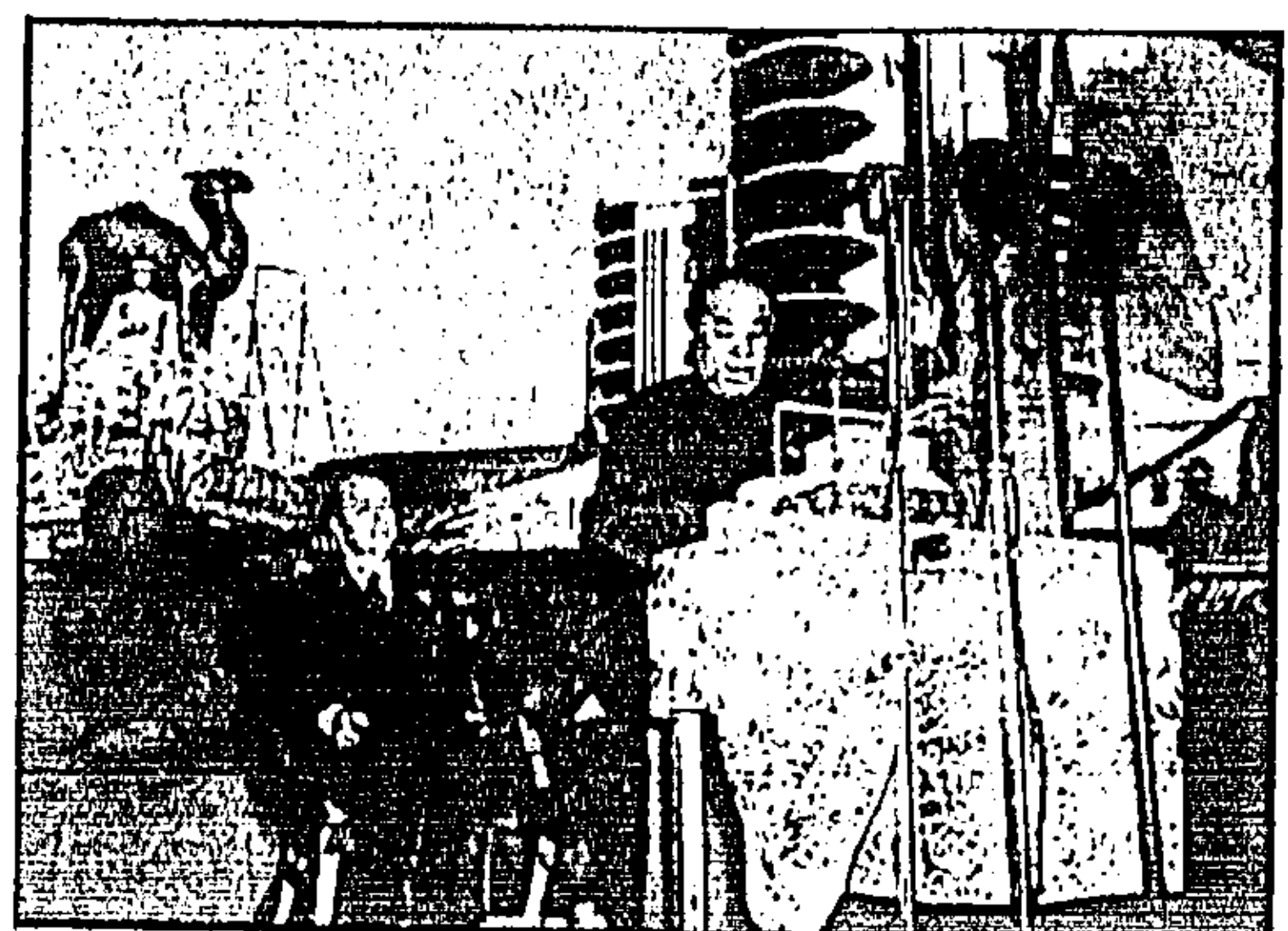
It was resolved that \$150,000 be allocated to dividends and \$143,415 be carried forward.

Mr C. Blaker proposed that Messrs G. E. Marden and F. J. Horman-Fisher be re-elected Directors. Mr P. S. Cassidy seconded the motion.

Messrs J. Marwick, Mitchell and Company were re-appointed Auditors.

Present were Messrs G. E. Marden (Chairman), C. Blaker, P. S. Cassidy, F. J. Horman-Fisher, V. K. Song (Directors), G. M. Line, J. L. Marden, W. G. E. Lannaman (Shareholders), representing 1,029,426 shares.

The CMU Exhibition



Mr U Tat-chee speaking at the opening yesterday of the Chinese Manufacturers Union exhibition of Hongkong products in Salisbury Road. His Excellency the Governor and the Hon. T. N. Chiu are seated behind. — Staff Photographer.

REGULATIONS FOR SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

Legislative authority for the formal constitution of the Special Constabulary is contained in the Supplement to the Gazette published today. It is explained that section 24 of the Police Force Ordinance (repealed by section 8 of Ordinance 29 of 1950) provided for the employment of persons temporarily as special constables.

Victims Of Temptation

Lift Electricians Bound Over

Described by the prosecution as victims of temptation, two lift electricians of Otis Elevators, Wong Kam, 19, and Ip Kwong-kwan, 24, were bound over in the sum of \$200 for two years each by Mr Reynolds at Central this morning.

First defendant pleaded guilty to larceny by finding of a gold wrist watch belonging to Miss de Sousa of 171 Prince Edward Road in the China Emporium lift on October 7, while they were fixing up the lift. Ip admitted receiving the watch from the first defendant, but pleaded that as he found it up and had intended to hand it to the company management, but was arrested first. Sub-Inspector W. Gillies told the Court that the complainant lost her watch somewhere in the lift on October 2, and reported this to the Emporium management. Inquiries were made, resulting in the searching of defendants yesterday by their employers.

At first Mr Reynolds sentenced the two men to two months each, but amended it after explanations had been given in mitigation.

KCC's Social Calendar

The Kowloon Cricket Club swings into its Christmas and New Year social activities next week.

First on the list is a social evening for Servicemen on Thursday, December 21, from 7.30 to 11 p.m. Wives of KCC members are requested to turn up in good numbers to assist at this important function.

The Club's Christmas dance will be held on Saturday, December 23, with dancing to music supplied by the band of the KSLI up to 2 a.m. A choir will sing carols and there will be several other additional attractions. Tables for this dance should be booked immediately.

Plans are going ahead for the KCC's annual New Year's Eve dance and members are advised to make early reservations. The dance band of the Royal Leicestershire will be present that night.

Arrangements are also well in hand for the Children's Day sports to be held on New Year's Day.

Stole 10-Cent Note

For stealing a ten-cent note from a pedestrian in Shunshun Street, Shamshuipo district, Chan Sam, 33, unemployed, was ordered to be expelled by Mr d'Almeida at Kowloon this morning. The defendant had been in the Colony for only three days and so work and no fixed abode here.

Naval CPO Found Not Guilty Of Manslaughter

JURY RETURNS A SIX TO ONE VERDICT

After a five-day trial in the Supreme Court, Gordon Frederick Howard, 30-year-old chief petty officer from the cruiser Jamaica, was this morning found not guilty of the manslaughter of David McManus, 26-year-old diving instructor attached to H.M.S. Tamar.

The jury, after a 35 minute retirement, returned their verdict 6-1 in favour of Howard.

This followed a 90-minute summing-up of the case by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr E. H. Williams. In this he reviewed the evidence of the witnesses and explained to the jury what amounted to manslaughter.

The Crown had alleged that Howard threw McManus over the rail of some steps leading up to the Royal Naval Dockyard Police Club on Queen's Road on June 11. McManus fractured his skull and died as a result a week later.

Mr M. Heenan prosecuted on behalf of the Crown and Mr D. A. L. Wright, assisted by Mr S. V. Gittins, defended.

Evaded Ferry Fare Payment

Leading Seaman Victor B. Elborn and A. B. David Charles Mott, both of HMS Belfast, were each fined \$25 by Mr d'Almeida at Kowloon this morning for evading payment of ferry fare. They crossed by the Star Ferry from the military ticket entrance without having season tickets.

The defendants pleaded guilty and said that it was their first visit to the Colony.

Three other residents were similarly fined: Leung Kin-lung, 38, of 70, Canton Road, ground floor, who used her husband's ticket; Lee Kee-wai, 31, of 54 Yu Chau Street, ground floor, who possessed an outdoor ticket; and Man Hui, aged 20, of 210 Hennessy Road, who used his friend's ticket.

INCOME TAX SUMMONS

Before Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning Mr W.E. Manson of the Inland Revenue Department asked in the weeks' adjournment in the summons against Ronald Woodcraft of Room 302, Rose Hotel, Nathan Road, to show cause why actions should not be taken against him for the recovery of \$723.99 in income tax alleged to be due to Government.

Mr Manson said that endeavour would be made to find Woodcraft who was not at his address when the summons was served. The alleged default in the payment of the income tax was for 1947-1948.

HKVDF DECORATIONS

The Efficiency Decoration has been awarded to the following members of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Force:

Capt F. Brett, MBE, Capt L. Goldman and Lieut G. P. Ferguson.

Efficiency Medal and First Class—Capt C. E. Soares; Second Class—Capt W.R.K. Collings; Second Class—Efficiency Medal—CSM M.F. de P. Baptista, MBE.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are notified in the Gazette:

Mr G. C. Jarvis to be Senior Auditor: He arrived in the Colony on December 5.

Miss E. G. Stephen, Woman Principal, Education Department, resumed duty and Miss E. Thom has ceased to act as Principal, Bellilos Public School.

Mr W. Sprague to be a member of the Dangerous Goods Committee vice Mr N. Garland, resigned.

For driving a car without a valid licence and without the permission of the owner, Cheung Kong, aged 25, of 5, Temple Street, first floor, was fined \$200 by Mr d'Almeida at Kowloon this morning. He was arrested in Gascoigne Street yesterday evening.

Prison For Two PCs

FOUND GUILTY ON FOUR CHARGES

Sentence of nine months' hard labour each was imposed by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning on two policemen attached to the Kowloon City Police Station found guilty of demanding money with menaces, corruption and larceny.

Mr Wicks remarked that this case was very strange and unusual, and also a very serious one, the defendants being guardians of the law in a large district at Koi Tak from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Not only did they neglect their duty, he went on, but they also conducted themselves as thugs, knowing well there were no police officers on their beat.

The two defendants were PC 2111 Tse Kai-hung, 23, and PC 1660 Chau Kam, 25. They were found guilty on charges of demanding \$25 from Tsui Ping-ying, Ngai Kau-fuk, Luk Chun-chau and Luk Kam-sang by threatening to arrest them for street gambling, corruptly receiving \$10 each from Luk Chun-hau and Luk Kam-sang, and stealing \$3 from Tsui Ping-ying.

In his judgment, the magistrate said that the case for the prosecution was a very strange one in that two police constables on duty changed their uniforms into civilian clothing and went to an adjoining village. After demanding money from the players in question, they returned and changed back into their uniforms.

Mr Wicks said he believed the prosecution's case, and could not see why he should not believe the evidence given by the two hawkers from whom the first defendant borrowed shoes and clothes.

Mr A. el Arculli appeared on behalf of the defendants.

Export Ban

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US goods for Hongkong industries.

"Immediately information is available, it will be given appropriate publicity."

There have been serious repercussions in the Colony to the ban, as cargoes which cannot be described as potential war commodities, but are purely luxury items, such as fruit, nylon stockings and cigarettes, are apparently affected.

It is felt that unless the position is clarified immediately many local factories may soon have to stop work because of the shortage of materials.

In a statement issued yesterday, the Director of Commerce and Industry (a Hongkong Government department) said that firms which desired to import essential supplies would be assisted with certificates on proof that the goods were for use in Hongkong only, and that representations to this effect had been made to the American Consulate-General. Strenuous efforts, he revealed, were being made to obtain materials so that the small factories could remain in operation.

A Hongkong Government spokesman said today that no representations had been made by the Government to the representatives of the American Government in Hongkong on the exports ban.

Commons Debate

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ists. Veterans said there had been nothing comparable to it in recent history.

Mr Anthony Eden then wound up the debate for the Conservatives by urging the Atlantic Council to set up a smaller body, comprising the United States, Britain, France and Canada, to determine the priorities and strategic concepts on a world-wide basis.

Mr Eden said the Chinese were making it plain that their quarrel was with the original United Nations action in Korea rather than later developments on the Manchurian frontier.

"To return to partition in Korea would be to perpetuate the very dangers we are confronted with," said Mr Eden.

United Press.

Pte N. K. Latimer has been appointed Lieutenant in the Hongkong Women's Volunteer Force. Army and Nursing Branch, the Gazette notices.

FASHION EXCITEMENT FOR THE MILADY...

The Latest Air Shipment Includes The Following:

NEW PYRAMID COATS FOR MISSES.
 FUR TRIMMED COATS FOR WOMEN.
 EXQUISITE BRIDAL GOWNS AND ENSEMBLES.
 MAGNIFICENT FORMALS, AFTERNOON AND DINNER GOWNS, DISTINCTIVE CASUAL FROCKS.
 76 INCH LONG BLACK FOX, GOLDEN AND WHITE FOX, ALL WHITE FOX STOLE.
 MINK BLENDED MARMOT, MUSKRATBACK CAPE-STOLES, TOPPERS, COATS.
 BEAVER BLENDED MOUTON COATS, AND A WORLD OF BRILLIANT INEXPENSIVE FUR FASCIMILE CAPE-STOLES, TOPPERS, COATS MUCH IN VOGUE TO-DAY IN NEW YORK CITY. — FIRST SEEN IN HONGKONG.
 MAGNIFICENT GENUINE MINK CAPE-STOLES, TOPPERS AND COATS IDEAL FOR GRAND GIFTS. — priced far less than America's retailing prices.
 A DAZZLING WORLD OF PLUS TOP ARISTOCRAT PURSES FOR ALL OCCASIONS BY PICHEL AND EVANS — including a large number of popular priced beautiful suede and calf handbags ideal for gifts.
 A WIDE CHOICE OF LAST HOUR BETTER SHOE ORIGINALS WITH MATCHING BAGS FIRST SEEN HERE.
 A BIG SHOW OF LATEST BETTER AMERICAN JEWELRY NEVER SEEN ELSEWHERE—warranted untarnishable with "EXPENSIVE GENUINE LOOK" LARGEST VARIETY IN BETTER CORSETRY of all world-wide famous makers including Marin Gates, Peterpan, Lily of France, Bien Jolie, Flexee, Diana, etc.

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